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Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Benedetto, second from left, is among the early voters yesterday at the Garapan Elementary School polling station shortly after 7am as the CNMI marked its first gubernatorial runoff election.
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Voters take part in first runoff election

Manual counting for Fitial, Heinz votes

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Results of yesterday's first CNMI gubernatorial runoff election to determine the winner between Gov. Benigno R. Fitial of the Covenant Party and Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider of the Republican Party wouldn't be known until the manual counting ends around midnight, but both camps conceded yesterday that there won't be a landslide victory for either of them.

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'First runoff election was peaceful'

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The first runoff election in CNMI history was smooth and generally peaceful, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Capt. Lawrence Camacho, the DPS commander in charge of the election operation, told *Saipan Tribune* last night that, just like in the Nov. 7 general election, everything went smoothly except for minor incidents such as heckling and one camp complaining against the other for being too close to the polling stations.

Camacho said most of the minor complaints were about one party accusing the

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Supporters chased away from polling station in CK

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Supporters of both Covenant and Republican parties were chased away by staffers of the Commonwealth Election Commission from a polling station yesterday while a number of voters in San Vicente and San Antonio complained of lack of directional signs, confusing many.

Terry Iginoef, one of the confined workers at the Municipal Council

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Reyes steps down as press secretary

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Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. stepped down from office effective early this month to pursue other goals, after serving as Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's press secretary for nearly four years.

Reyes

Reyes said yesterday that serving as the governor's press secretary was

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FOR EDUCATION MONTH CELEBRATION:

Cing, Norita, Bautista are KagES top awardees

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The outstanding employees of the Kagman Elementary School pose for the *Saipan Tribune* after their busy schedule last week. From left are Support Staff of the Year Louie Bautista, Administrator of the Year Ignacia Demapan, Teacher of the Year Thelma Cing, and Teacher Aide of the Year Penelope Norita.

Thelma Cing, Penelope Norita, and Louie Bautista emerged as this year's top employees of Kagman Elementary School, and they will be representing the school for overall honors in the Public School System's search for educational awardees this week.

Thelma Cing was chosen as the school's Teacher of the Year after demonstrating her commitment and dedication to her profession.

She started her career back in 1989 through 1991. She returned to the teaching profession in 1993, two years after working as an occupational therapist assistant.

"I am humble and honored to be chosen to represent Kagman Elementary School this year. I work with a group of intelligent professionals and I am grateful that they have selected me to be their voice this year. I have become a better teacher because of the support that I receive from my colleagues, my family and my students," she said.

Cing, who grew up on Tinian, said her parents taught her the value of working hard and earning every penny she gets.

"My parents believed in education and they instilled that desire to learn more among all their kids," she said, adding that they are fortunate to have such parents who advocate for education. Cing is the ninth out of 10 children. She is now blessed with two beautiful children.

She also values education and knows that it will empower anyone to become a better individual, parent, citizen, and a productive member of the community.

This year's Teacher Aide of the Year, Penelope Norita, has been working as a special education teacher aide in the past four years.

According to KagES principal Ignacia Demapan, "her hard work and dedication drove her to where she is now."

Every day, the principal said, Norita makes it a point to be at the school campus early so that she can supervise the children as they come in.

Norita is currently attending certification classes like the related services technology that she completed last year so she could gain additional skills.

Louie Bautista, meantime, was hailed as the school's Support Staff of the Year awardee. As a school aide, he reports to work everyday with a positive attitude to face whatever challenges he may encounter. For Bautista, the many challenges he deals with helps him grow personally and professionally.

For the nearly five years he has been with the school, Bautista has gained a vast of array of skills that help him demonstrate proficiency in all core administrative functions.

On top of his busy routine and schedule, he gives priority assistance to teachers, realizing that whatever the teachers need is for their students.

"I enjoy what my job offers me right now, especially the challenges in working with computer/technology. Since we are now technology-driven, I want to take on the extra mile in increasing my knowledge and skills in the areas of technology," Bautista said.

Salvation Army condoles with victims and their families in shooting incident

The Salvation Army is shocked and saddened by the recent shooting incident on Saipan, said Major Edward Hill, divisional commander for the Hawaii and Pacific Islands Division.

"We want to express our sincere condolences to the all the victims and their families," he said.

Wayne Gillespie, Ministry Leader of the CNMI Citadel Corps said, "Our prayers will be for strength and comfort of the survivors and their families as they bear all the pain, turmoil and grief brought upon them by this tragedy and The Salvation Army stands ready to assist them in whatever ways we can."

The Salvation Army may be contacted through Gillespie at 483-0885. ***(PR)***

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Organization/Group: TEAM PDI

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Hyatt Regency Saipan "I Sagua Spa"

Top Tourism Attraction of the Year submissions:
Hell of the Marianas,
17th Annual Marianas Cup Beach Volleyball Festival 2009

Employee of the Year submissions:
Russian Market Manager Elitza Stoilova,
Pacific Islands Club Saipan

Senior Guest Relations Supervisor
Joseph M. Villamena, Fiesta Resort & Spa

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OPA affirms denial of protest appeal in dump project

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The Office of the Public Auditor affirmed the Division of Procurement and Supply's decision to deny the appeal filed by GPPC Inc. in its protest in connection with the multi-million Puerto Rico dump final closure project.

In a Nov. 18 decision, Public Auditor Michael Pai affirmed the decision of Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan to deny GPPC's protest over ITSI's bid package that it said was not timely postmarked by July 24.

The third addendum to the invitation for bid for the Puerto Rico dump final closure project, DPW-09-IFB-019, required local bidders to submit their bid packages by 10am on July 24.

Off-island bidders had to have their bids postmarked by July 24 and received by the Division of Procurement and Supply within seven days of that date.

The bid package of ITSI, one of the participating firms, was postmarked just after 4pm Pacific Daylight Time on July 24 in Ygnacio, California, and was received twice by the Division of Procurement and Supply, first on July 28 and again on Aug. 4.

GPPC argued ITSI's bid package was not timely postmarked since it should have been mailed by 10am local time even though the bidder was in California, and was not timely received.

OPA said GPPC timely filed its protest on Aug. 13.

Not having received a decision from the Procurement and Supply director in the requisite 20 calendar days or being given notice it was a complex issue, GPPC appealed to OPA on Sept. 22.

A day later, the Procurement and Supply director released his decision on the protest.

OPA gave GPPC additional time to supplement its appeal should it wish to address the issues raised in the director's Decision.

GPPC argued that OPA's review should be *de novo* since the director's decision was late.

"OPA found that the director's delay was harmless error, though OPA concluded it would have reached the same result had it decided the matter *de novo*, because the dates on the documents were independently verifiable. OPA affirmed the director's decision that the bid was timely postmarked and timely received, and that Procurement and Supply did not err in moving the bid opening back a day in order to give off-island bidders the full seven days after July 24 to have their bids received," OPA said.

In his six-page decision, the public auditor said GPPC, any interested party who submitted comments during consideration of the protest, the director, or any agency involved in the protest, may request reconsideration of a decision by the public auditor.

The request, he said, must contain a detailed statement of the factual and legal grounds for which reversal or modification is deemed warranted, specifying any errors of law made or information not previously considered.

In May, the Department of Public Works said the Puerto Rico Dump's final closure project had a total of $11.2 million in funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs.

The dump had been a source of water pollution for over 50 years and its final closure is expected to greatly reduce the dump's adverse impacts on the surrounding ocean ecosystem.

Since 2003, the Puerto Rico dump has not received additional garbage but federal regulations require it to be completely closed pursuant to strict environmental rules and policies. The local government plans to close the dump and convert the area into a public park.

CGC, ARC offer counseling help in wake of shooting

The CNMI is trying to come to terms with last Friday's tragedy that took the lives of five Saipan residents, and injured eight others, including a child from Saipan and seven Korean tourists.

The incident has brought grief to the families of the victims, it has shocked the rest of the public, and it has frightened many people, including witnesses, students whose schools were secured, parents, and community members who were unsure of their safety.

An incident like this affects the entire community—all ages, nationalities, and religions. Common reactions can include:

- Disbelief
- Trouble sleeping or sleeping too much
- Thinking about what happened all the time
- Bad dreams
- Difficulty concentrating
- Stomach aches, headaches, chest pain
- Anxiety or nervousness
- Anger, fear, sadness, guilt
- Depression

Recovery takes time, but there are things the Department of Public Health's Community Guidance Center and the American Red Cross can do that will help:

- Talk with others about what happened.
- Create opportunities for children and young adults to talk about what happened and how they are feeling.
- Continue daily routines.
- Spend time with loved ones.
- Speak with clergy.
- Try to get enough sleep, eat healthy food, and get some exercise.

CONTACT INFO

- The Community Guidance Center: 323-6560
- American Red Cross-NMI Chapter: 234-3459

- Talk to school counselors.
- Avoid excessive use of alcohol or drugs.

The /Community Guidance Center and the American Red Cross have more information for families, parents, teachers, and first responders on coping, including how to help children at different ages. They can provide workshops, counseling services, and can also provide the names of counselors in the private sector.

"If you are concerned about any of your reactions, consider the benefits of talking with a counselor who has specialized training in post-traumatic reactions and can help individuals and families understand and cope with their feelings," said the Community Guidance Center.

The Community Guidance Center contact number is 323-6560, and the American Red Cross contact number is 234-3459. ***(PR)***

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EMO warns of high surf through Friday

The CNMI Emergency Management Office is strongly advising the public to avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches in the next few days due to life threatening rip currents.

In a high surf advisory issued late afternoon yesterday, EMO said that swells generated by Tropical Depression 26W will produce hazardous surf conditions and a high risk of rip currents, especially along east and north facing reefs.

The high surf is expected to last until 10am Friday, Nov. 27, 2009, based on information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam.

"Expect hazardous surf of 9 to 12 feet along east and northeast exposures through Friday morning. Surf heights will peak Thursday morning as Tropical Depression 26W passes southwest of Guam," EMO said.

A high surf advisory means that high surf will affect exposed reefs and beaches in the advisory area producing dangerous rip currents. ***(EMO)***

REYES

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"the toughest full-time job" he has ever had.

"Although I am pleased with the work I have done, I feel it is time for me to pursue other goals and interests," he said.

Reyes will remain on Saipan for a while as a private citizen and likes to maintain a low profile.

He has accepted a temporary position with the federal government as a part of the U.S. Census 2010 team, whose work ends in August 2010.

After this temporary position, Reyes said he would move to the U.S. mainland.

Reyes said he learned a great deal working for Fitial, who served as a mentor for him during one of the CNMI's most trying periods.

"I believe I am a better person because I worked for Ben Fitial. I went to school under one of the Commonwealth's most capable leaders for nearly six years, if you include my time in the 14th Legislature when Ben was speaker," he said in a statement.

Fitial has yet to appoint a new press secretary.

Reyes said he had made a few recommendations to the governor for his replacement.

Reyes congratulated Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos for their accomplishments in office, and for running a positive and substantive campaign.

"Governor Fitial and Lt. Governor Inos accomplished much under some very difficult circumstances. It was a pleasure to have been part of the successful team effort. I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Commonwealth," he added.

Prior to that, he sent the governor a letter stating that despite operating with very limited resources and without any professional staff, he was proud of his record with the Fitial administration.

"It has been my pleasure to work with you and the exceptional individuals among your Cabinet, as well as with the many professional journalists in our region and abroad," Reyes told Fitial in a letter.

During the Nov. 7 elections, Reyes was off island to represent the NMI Council for the Humanities in a national conference.

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other party of being within the designated 300 feet distance from polling precincts.

He said these happened at Garapan Elementary School, the Municipal Council building in Chalan Kanoa, and San Antonio Elementary School.

Camacho said officers arrested one motorist who drove his car recklessly in an election polling area. He emphasized, however, that it was not election-related arrest.

Camacho said he is very happy that, for the second time in a row, the elections were peaceful. "I thank them [people] for cooperating with the officers," he said.

Camacho said he assigned three police officers each to Tinian and Rota because the Election Commission requested one extra officer per island.

He said an extra officer was coming back with the absentee ballots earlier than the actual ballots.

Camacho said Sgt. Bernard Santos led the officers on Tinian, while Detective Jackson Jack was the one in charge of the team on Rota.

Santos and Jack both reported that everything went smoothly on the two islands, Camacho said.

This time, he said, no officer escorted the two poll staff that flew to Agrihan on a helicopter to get the four votes there.

DPS deployed more than 30 officers during the runoff election in addition to the regularly assigned patrol and traffic officers scheduled for routine duty.

SUPPORTERS

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building in Chalan Kanoa (District 2), confirmed with the *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that groups of supporters from both camps were seen assembling near the polling station around 11am.

"They were reminded…of the 300-feet requirement under the law," she said, describing the incident as "minor."

Supporters of both camps were in a festive mood as they waved and shouted out the names of their candidates to passing motorists.

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Iginoef said many voters were already waiting outside the building when they arrived to open the polling place at 7am. A total of 120 voters were initially registered in the first hour of the election. The figure rose to 198 an hour later until it reached 328 as of 10am.

Based on the partial result of the election posted at the polling place in Chalan Kanoa, 452 voters have already cast their votes as of 11am yesterday. Chalan Kanoa and Susupe have a total of 1,239 registered voters, including absentee votes.

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At the San Vicente Elementary School, a number of voters complained about the lack of signs in the campus.

During the general election on Nov. 7, three classrooms were used as polling places at the school. In yesterday's exercise, the cafeteria was used instead, divided into three parts and the "exit doors" used as entrance to the building. This confused many voters.

"Where are the signs? I just saw one arrow down there…and that's it! Voters have to go around the cafeteria to see where's the proper entrance was," some voters said.

A similar complaint was heard at the San Antonio Elementary School when voters could not immediately find the polling area because no signs were posted or marked in the doors and hallways. It was already 11:45am when a poll worker posted the "1-A" sign in yellow paper to guide voters.

Based on the partial result posted at San Vicente, a total of 756 voters have already cast their votes as of 11am. San Vicente has 2,451 registered voters, including absentee voters.

A total of 291 voters were recorded in San Antonio as of 11am. The Election Commission recorded 793 registered voters in that precinct.

Poll workers described yesterday's activity as "very smooth."

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Roadside campaigning was very quiet on Capital Hill. And so were the voters. As of 11am, only 136 people have cast their votes at the Capital Hill polling station. A poll watcher observed that voting in the runoff was slow in the morning compared to the Nov. 7 election. There are 415 total voters on Capital Hill, including absentees.

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Kagman was lively again yesterday. There were a lot of supporters for the Ben and Eloy tandem waving along the roadside. But the HA team—Hofschneider and Arnold Palacios—was also swarming with supporters, who would greet and wave to motorists passing the narrow road leading to the polling station at the Kagman Community Center. The BE supporters appeared to be more aggressive. A group of BE supporters used a golf cart to drive back and forth along the roadside, while a man waving a big BE placard would march and dance on the middle of the road in front of HA supporters.

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At the Garapan Elementary School polling station, the Ben and Eloy supporters were early to arrive at the Covenant's tent near the entrance of the station. At 8:30am, the Hofschneider-Palacios team's tent near the Covenant's was still empty. Later that day, more HA supporters came to Garapan.

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The same faces of supporters for both BE and HA teams were seen waving to passing motorists near the polling stations. Most supporters were seen standing on the same spots where they were during the Nov. 7 election. "It seems it was still like the Nov. 7 election. Same faces, same places," a motorist said.

VOTERS

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There are 16,108 registered voters, including some 2,000 absentee voters but there's no telling whether the voter turnout would exceed the 86 percent turnout in the Nov. 7 general election, as of early last night.

Fitial and Hofschneider separately made the rounds in different polling stations but it was only in San Roque where they crossed paths.

Around 4pm, Hofschneider arrived at the Republican Party booth outside the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School to be with his supporters there.

A few minutes later, Fitial also arrived at the area to be with members of the Covenant Party and supporters.

The two, however, did not go near each other but stayed in their respective tents.

Voter turnout at Precinct 4A in San Roque stood at 353 as of 4pm. There are 560 registered voters in this precinct, including absentee voters.

Hofschneider, in an interview in San Roque, said he does not expect a landslide win or a tight race.

"But there will be a significant determination. In spite of the shenanigans in the past two weeks, I've seen how people are going to vote and I put my faith in them. The good Lord is also looking out for us, the common people, their hardship and plight. With their hearts and minds, I know they'll do the right thing," he said.

Fitial, for his part, said a landslide victory may not be possible but a good lead will be maintained. He added that he's more confident now than the results of the Nov. 7 election.

Two weeks ago, Hofschneider beat Fitial by eight votes, 4,900-4,892, the closest gubernatorial race in CNMI history.

But the runoff election was held yesterday not because of the eight-vote difference, but because none of the four gubernatorial candidates on Nov. 7 got at least 50 percent plus one of the 13,784 votes cast.

The mood was festive around polling stations, especially when Fitial and his running mate, Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, or Hofschneider and his running mate, House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios, were around.

Early and late voters

Voters were already in line long before the official opening of the polls at 7am yesterday but after the first hour, voters seemed to just trickle in. Most of the early voters were older individuals.

The volume of voters seemed to pick up late morning until early afternoon, and mellowed again before seeing another peak after office hours when private sector employees got out of work.

Fitial was among the first 10 to cast votes at the Garapan Elementary School polling station for Precinct 3B, which has 2,464 registered voters including absentee voters.

"Ten is a lucky number," Fitial told *Saipan Tribune* right after casting his vote at 7:10am, along with first lady Josie Fitial who was voter number 9.

Fitial, wearing a green shirt, the official color of the Covenant Party he founded in 2001, attended an early morning Mass at the San Jose Parish Church before proceeding to the Precinct 3B polling station.

"I'm feeling good. It's going to be a good day," he said, adding that he "feels much better now than the Nov. 7 elections."

"I judged it from the way the campaign progressed since after Nov. 7. Eloy and I maintained a clean campaign," he said.

Hofschneider of the Republican Party cast his vote toward the close of polls at 7pm, as he has always done in previous elections. He also voted at the Garapan Elementary School.

Hofschneider's running mate, House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios, voted at the same polling station shortly before 5pm, along with his wife Wella.

"I'm very positive. It looks like the turnout is pretty high," he said.

Palacios's mother, Maria, arrived at the Garapan Elementary School to vote at 7:35am, accompanied by the speaker's younger brother, Alex.

"I'm feeling good," the speaker's mother told *Saipan Tribune.*

By 8am, Garapan Elementary School listed 194 voters. As of 5pm, Precinct 3B Garapan—which has 2,464 registered voters including absentee voters—listed 1,458 who cast their votes.

In Precinct 4A's Tanapag Youth Center polling station, voter turnout stood at 437 as of 4pm. This precinct has 639 registered voters, including absentee voters.

Voters speak out

Lucy Camacho, 55, of Lower Navy Hill, said she has never missed voting in any election.

"Today's election is important because we should have a governor who thinks for the islands," she said. Camacho was among those in line at 7:20am at the Garapan Elementary School, waiting for their turn to vote.

A few minutes later, police spokesman Jason Tarkong announced that the front gate of the Garapan Elementary School will be opened to provide easy access for people with disabilities and the elderly.

Due to security and safety concerns, the Commonwealth Election Commission changed the main entrance to the Precinct 3B polling station-the northern entrance facing the MIHA housing-during the Nov. 7 general elections and yesterday's runoff election.

Among the dignitaries who voted much earlier than the governor at the Garapan Elementary School was former senator Ramon "Kumoi" S. Deleon Guerrero, who ran as an independent gubernatorial candidate in the Nov. 7 general election.

Deleon Guerrero, who finished last in the four-way gubernatorial race, endorsed the candidacy of the Hofschneider-Palacios team. His former running mate, Dr. David Borja, endorsed the Fitial-Inos ticket.

Another independent gubernatorial candidate in the Nov. 7 election is businessman Juan "Pan" T. Guerrero, who finished third. He didn't endorse Fitial or Hofschneider but his former running mate, House Floor Leader Joseph N. Camacho, supported the Covenant Party ticket.

By 2pm, voter turnout at Precinct 3A-Oleai was only 554. This precinct has 890 registered voters, including absentee voters.

"Between 11 and 12 was when we had the biggest turnout we had," said poll supervisor Alice Leon Guerrero.

Joe Olopai, 42, voted at Precinct 3A at around 2:30pm. He said he has never missed a single election, adding that the runoff is important so that the CNMI will have a governor elected by a majority.

Five years

Whoever wins in the gubernatorial runoff election will serve for five years instead of the current four-year term to comply with one of the four initiatives ratified during the Nov. 7 general elections.

Senate Legislative Initiative 16-11 requires the holding of regular general elections only in even-numbered years. Thus, instead of holding the next general elections in 2013, the CNMI will vote for the next governor in 2014, giving one extra year for today's winning candidate.

Three named to NMC board

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial has named three individuals to the Northern Marianas College Board of Regents, a seven-member body that formulates policy and decides for the community college.

Of the three appointees, two are new while one is a re-appointee.

The term of board chair Charles V. Cepeda and Maria Malua Peter expired early this month. Peter was re-appointed to the post and confirmed by the Senate last week. Peter will serve a new term that will expire on Nov. 14, 2013, and will represent Saipan.

The two new appointees are Frank Rabauliman and Andrew Orsini. Orsini has been confirmed by the Senate.

On Nov. 19, Fitial sent two letters to the Legislature discussing Rabauliman's appointment as representative for Saipan.

In his first letter, the governor told the Legislature that he has decided to make Rabauliman the Carolinian representative on the board. In his second letter, Fitial informed the Legislature that he is exercising his authority to waive the employment restriction for Rabauliman, who is the executive director of the Division of Environmental Quality.

"I believe Mr. Rabauliman is an exceptionally qualified Carolinian to serve on the Board of Regents. The lieutenant governor and I are confident that he is qualified and will be an asset to this important board," Fitial said.

The board currently has three regents on board: Janet King, Paz Younis, and Elaine Orilla.

Saipan Tribune learned that all board members—Cepeda, Peter, Orilla, Younis, and King—met on Nov. 11 for a board self-evaluation. Since then, the board has yet to meet again and will reconvene at a later period. Most of the members agreed that NMC president Carmen Fernandez would be a full part of the board self-evaluation.

In an interview with King yesterday, she admitted that having no full board impacts the college's mission.

"There are other effects of not having an operating board. The mission of [NMC] has been to serve the postsecondary educational needs of the people of the Northern Marianas for the purpose of improving the quality of life for the individual and for the Commonwealth as a whole. To meet this end, [NMC] functions by the decisions made by the Board of Regents and carried out by the president of the college," she told Saipan Tribune.

King said best board is one that also works in tandem with the president.

"We have distinct functions. The board focuses on broad policy concerns and the administration through the president carries out the policies. We cannot have one without the other. In this case, at the present time, we have no quorum, and the Board of Regents effectively cannot function," King added.

Under the law, the Board of Regents is composed of seven voting members appointed by the governor, with the consent of the Senate.

Message of Appreciation

The Korean Association of Saipan would like to send its sincere condolences to the family members of the victims in the November 20th tragedy.

The Korean Association of Saipan and Korean community are grateful and appreciates the CNMI government agencies (MVA/DPS/CHC/Governor's Office) for their quick response in dealing with the emergency situation on November 20th.
We especially thank those who assisted in arranging the careflight from Saipan to Korea in transferring one of the serious victims who needed urgent medical attention by a specialist.

The Korean community will continue and do its best to maintain a close relationship with the local community and promote local tourism to achieve economic recovery for the CNMI.

Female detainee sues DOC for alleged illegal detention

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A convicted Chinese woman is suing in federal court Department of Corrections officials and the CNMI government for allegedly unlawfully extending her detention for 88 days.

Yu Hua Jin Aquino sued DOC Commissioner Dolores San Nicolas, DOC director Gregory F. Castro, assistant attorney general Kathleen Busenkell, the CNMI government, and 10 unnamed co-defendants, for negligence, deprivation of due process, and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

Aquino, through counsel Stephen Woodruff, asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to order the defendants to pay her damages, court costs, and attorney's fees.

CNMI authorities arrested Aquino on April 13, 2008, for possession of an illicit substance. She pleaded guilty.

Woodruff said Aquino was to complete her term of incarceration and be released from custody on April 13, 2009. The lawyer cited a Superior Court's order that stated that Aquino was to be deported immediately.

Aquino had signed a stipulation to deportation. The judge had entered an order of deportation in the Aquino's criminal case.

Woodruff said his client was not immediately deported and was instead held in continuing custody and reclassified as an immigration detainee. Woodruff said Aquino was not taken before a judge to have her continued deportation reviewed.

"At the time plaintiff completed her term of incarceration in her criminal case, plaintiff had a clearly established right under the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to be taken before a judge within 24 hours to have her continuing detention reviewed and possible release on bail considered," he argued.

Woodruff said San Nicolas and Castro had a duty to ensure that this was done by contacting the Superior Court and the Office of the Attorney General. He said the two officials breached that duty.

The lawyer said Aquino languished in prison from April 13, 2009 through May 15, 2009.

Woodruff said that on May 15, 2009 Busenkell became aware of plaintiff's status and continuing detention. On that day, Busenkell filed a deportation case, lodging the stipulation to deportation and order of deportation previously entered by the court.

Aquino retained a private lawyer on July 9, 2009, to seek her release. The following day, the court ordered the release of Aquino on her own recognizance.

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Distribution of 'umbrella permits' winds down to last week

Over 90 percent of those qualified to obtain the "umbrella permits" being issued by the CNMI Department of Labor has already obtained their permits and those who have yet to get theirs are being advised to visit the department this week.

"We are in the final week of the umbrella permit program, and it is progressing very well," Labor Deputy Secretary Cinta Kaipat said. "We have already delivered permits to well over 90% of those who qualified," Kaipat said, "and we have printed the permits for almost everyone else. We have at our distribution center all the permits that we have printed and for that reason anyone who is entitled to a permit can report to the distribution center on any day that the Department is open to pick up their permit."

Existing valid permits. The Labor Department has printed all the umbrella permits for those who hold existing valid entry permits in immigration categories

- 240D (immediate relatives of US citizens, FAS citizens, and Commonwealth permanent residents),
- 240E (immediate relatives of qualified aliens),
- 240K (workers),
- 240L (ministers), and
- 240M (missionaries).

These are the Category 1 umbrella permits, and they were issued during the first week of the permit process. These permits can be picked up on any day at the 1st floor distribution center at the Labor building.

Kaipat said that anyone who has an existing valid permit whose name is for some reason not on the list at the first floor distribution center may bring their permit card to the Director of Labor's office.

"The Director of Labor will issue a manually-generated temporary permit to protect your status. We will replace these temporary permits with permanent umbrella permits over the next few weeks. Our new computer system has performed extremely well over these past few weeks, but there may have been a few people whose records are not readily retrievable. We will solve those problems," Kaipat said.

Existing labor permits in process

The Labor Department has printed all the umbrella permits for those whose labor applications are in process. This includes applications in process at the Labor Department:

- pending applications,
- pending transfers (including pending registrations to transfer), and
- pending deficiencies and denials that have not yet gone to the Hearing Office.

These are the Category 2 umbrella permits, and they were issued during the second week of the permit process. These permits can be picked up on any day at the 1st floor distribution center at the Labor building.

Existing cases and appeals

The Labor Department has printed all the umbrella permits for:

- Labor Department labor cases, agency cases, and denial cases filed at the Hearing Office
- Labor Department bonding cases for registered claims for unpaid wages and medical expenses
- Labor Department appeals to the Secretary
- Cases and appeals in the Commonwealth courts (per the list from the Attorney General as provided in Judge Wiseman's order)

These permits were issued during the second week of the permit process. These permits can be picked up on any day at the first floor distribution center at the Labor building. All of these permits are covered by orders that list the names of the persons whose permits have been issued. These orders are posted on the Department's website.

Requested IR permits

The Labor Department has printed all the umbrella permits for all IRs without current valid IR permits who filed requests at the Hearing Office and whose documentation was sufficient. Any person whose documentation was not sufficient received an order from a hearing officer stating what was missing and providing an opportunity to supplement the application.

The umbrella permits for IRs who applied to the Hearing Office by Friday, Nov. 13, 2009 were issued last week. The umbrella permits for IRs who applied to the Hearing Office by Friday, Nov. 20, 2009, will be available today, Nov. 24. These permits can be picked up on any day at the first floor distribution center at the Labor building. All of these permits are covered by orders that list the names of the persons whose permits have been issued. These orders are posted on the department's Web site.

Protocol permits

The Labor Department processed requests filed with the Director of Labor for umbrella permits for who do not have permits in any other category and who fall into one of the groups covered by the "Commonwealth's Protocol for Implementation of PL 15-108" published in September 2009 (and posted on the Department's website). "Protocol permits" are available for:

- families with U.S. citizen children;
- productive workers who fell out of status for explainable reasons and not as a result of any intent to evade Commonwealth law; and
- people with unpaid wage claims who have not qualified in any other category who are allowed to stay while the Attorney General determines if their claim is collectible in the courts.

All Protocol permits are covered by orders listing the names of the persons for whom umbrella permits have been issued. These lists have been posted on the Labor Department's website and are posted outside the first floor distribution center at the Labor building.

"Please note that some people who file requests with the Director of Labor as 'out of status' actually qualified in other categories—pending transfers, pending cases, pending appeals, and pending claims," Kaipat stated. "All of these persons have been re-classified in those categories and should look for their names on those lists issued last week."

"We could not print the Protocol permits until we had finished all the other categories of permits," Kaipat explained. "We had to deal with the largest groups first. The Protocol permits are being printed now and will be available at the first floor distribution center on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009, from 8am to 3:30pm and on Friday, Nov, 27, 2009, from 8am to closing," Kaipat said.

Late applications

"We worked last week to print the permits for those whose applications came in late," Kaipat said. "We are trying our best to accommodate everyone, so we have kept the doors open very late in the process to accept applications."

The permits for those whose applications came in early last week will be available today, Nov. 24, 2009, at the first floor distribution center at Labor. The permits for those whose applications came in late last week will be available tomorrow, Nov. 25, 2009 at the first floor distribution center.

AG applications

On Nov, 17, 2009, the Attorney General issued a Delegation of Authority that reserved for the Office of the Attorney General all permits within Immigration Division authority that had not yet been processed by the Labor Department. Up to that time, the Labor Department had been assisting the AG's office in issuing permits that are normally dealt with by the Immigration Division, which is a part of the AG's office. By order dated Nov. 20, 2009, the Labor Department returned to the AG's office the pending applications for permits who do not have permits in any other category. The Labor Department had, as of the close of business Nov. 17, 2009, taken no action on those applications. The list of pending applications returned to the AG's office has been published in the newspaper, is posted on the Labor department's Web site, and is posted outside the first floor distribution center at the Labor building. ***(DOL)***

GUAM WORKSHOP

Faculty, staff, and students attend a recent accreditation workshop in Guam organized by the Pacific Post Secondary Education Council. The workshop was funded by a grant from the Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. From left, NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez, Language Arts instructor Dean Papadopoulos, ASNMC vice president Dan Kintol and ASNMC Stacey Demapan. At far right is Spensin James, president of the College of Micronesia in FSM.

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Detective pleads not guilty to extortion charge

Detective Christopher Leon Guerrero has pleaded not guilty to the allegations he was engaged in an extortion racket.

During Friday's hearing, Leon Guerrero pleaded not guilty to the indictment charging him with one count of extortion under color of official right.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Alex R. Munson set Leon Guerrero's sentencing for Jan. 18, 2010, at 9am.

Munson imposed a $10,000 unsecured bond for Leon Guerrero's temporary liberty and allowed the suspect's wife, Francisca Palacios Leon Guerrero, to serve as third-party custodian.

Munson ordered Leon Guerrero to surrender his passport to the clerk of court and told him not to leave the CNMI without the court's permission.

The judge also barred Leon Guerrero from possessing a firearm and prohibited him from contacting the victim or any potential witnesses in the case.

According to the indictment, Leon Guerrero committed extortion in September 2009 by using his position as a police officer to obtain money from the driver of an illegal taxicab in exchange for dismissing the driver's criminal case.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation arrested Leon Guerrero on Nov. 16 after the U.S. government filed a complaint charging him with interference with commerce by threats or violence/Hobbs Act extortion under color of official right.

According to FBI special agent Haejun Park, the 43-year-old Leon Guerrero used his official position at the Department of Public Safety to demand and receive payments ranging from $300 to $700 from drivers of illegal taxicabs in exchange for dismissing their criminal case and returning to the drivers their seized vehicles. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

NMA student interns take on museum translation project

Students from the Northern Marianas Academy, serving as interns at the CNMI Museum, are working to have translated into the Japanese and Korean languages, all of the informational materials of the historic artifacts on exhibit.

Over the course of the past several weeks, Yuika Osada and Gee Hyun Lim have been working on translating collections information. The translation work is slated to continue over the course of several months.

While translation services are donated to the museum, or provided on occasion through the Marianas Visitor's Authority, such extensive translation work—as is needed to address all of the collections on exhibit—has been cost prohibitive. The museum has had bits and pieces of information in the collection translated; however, there is a significant amount of work to be done.

The project was made possible through the NMA's student intern program, which requires students to perform a significant amount of hours of community service. When determining the course of work the students would undertake during their tenure at the museum, it was important that at a minimum they leave with as much understanding about Marianas history as possible. Whether it is service as a docent or guide, cataloguing and filing, or most other areas of museum work, a base of knowledge about the history here is a must. The work required in the process of translating the information, will furnish the students with a better understanding of NMI history, and assist them with other work they may undertake at the Museum, such as serving as guides.

The museum is open from Monday through Friday, 9am to 4:30pm, and on Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. Entrance for residents is only $1. ***(PR)***

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See Hyun Lim and Yuika Osada work on translating materials on exhibit at the NMI Museum of History and Culture.

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Director, P&S

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DOF-013A & 10-DOF-013B

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP10-DEQ-024

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 24, 1999

Heinz is new House speaker

After waiting in the wings for the last two years, Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider finally won support of the Republicans to become the Speaker of the House of Representatives when the 12th Legislature convenes in January. In a caucus attended yesterday by 10 GOP members of the lower house and other party leaders, Hofschneider won unopposed after his closest rival to the post, former House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial, did not attend the two-hour meeting. Current Speaker Diego T. Benavente, who stepped down after six years, was voted as vice speaker, replacing Rep. Jesus T. Attao who will become the majority floor leader. Both lawmakers were unopposed.

33 residents infected with HIV

The Northern Marianas will join with the rest of the nation and other countries around the world in marking December 1 as World AIDS Day in hopes to raise awareness among the peoples and combat spread of the dreaded disease. In a proclamation signed by Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio yesterday, the CNMI made a commitment to involve island residents in activities designed to increase awareness and understanding of HIV/AIDS as a global challenge as well as to encourage participation in worldwide efforts to stem alarming increase in the number of people infected by the virus. The chief executive told public health officials and volunteers who attended the signing ceremony at the Governor's Office to continue these local initiatives to educate the community, particularly the young people, on the risks of being exposed to the virus.

Nov. 24, 2000

Quarry operators owe DPL $4.7M

The CNMI government could have been about $5 million richer had the Division of Public Lands made good in its collection of rentals and land leases from quarry operators from 1990 to 1995, the Office of the Public Auditor said. According to a report released by OPA Wednesday, overall outstanding receivable from quarry operators during the six lease years under review, including rentals and interests, amounted to $4.69 million. A public audit revealed five quarry operators incurred back rentals amounting to $2.89 million; four quarry operators underpaid lease rentals by $261,311 due to misrepresentation of lease agreement provisions and incorrect rental computations.

Investors seek tax breaks from govt

Two new hotels, a peanut butter factory and a hi-tech software manufacturing firm may open shops in the CNMI once the government implements a proposal granting tax breaks to new investments as well as existing businesses. HB 12-199, now known as the "Investment Incentive Act," cleared the Senate on Wednesday, drawing closer to the efforts to boost the islands' flagging economy. "There's a light at the end of a very long dark tunnel…if we come together," House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial said in pushing the legislation. He disclosed these potential investors during a House session the other day following a visit on Guam by some members of the Legislature and business leaders belonging to the Strategic Economic Development Council.

Nov. 24, 2002

Dog owners asked: Leash 'em

Saipan Mayor Juan B. Tudela appealed to all dog owners on the island to leash their dogs, in an effort to make the community a safer and better place for the animals and the residents alike. Tudela issued the statement in reaction to a recent incident at the Kagman II area, where a 16-year-old girl was allegedly beaten up by a much older man after she accidentally hit the suspect's unleashed dog. "The recent incident stemming from unleashed dog problem on Saipan has shocked me and I am now appealing to all dog owners to leash their dogs to avoid more unfortunate incidents," the mayor said.

TV captures real NMI-life drama

The CNMI community will get to know its first set of TV actors come Thursday with the premiere of a locally produced television drama called "Journeys." Co-written by Galvin Guerrero, director Sean Maycock, and three more individuals, "Journeys" shows stories of people's real journeys in life-as a teenager, a housewife, a husband, a grandparent, a politician, and a houseworker—in a setting that's close to the hearts of the islanders.

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NOTICE

UMBRELLA PERMITS
REQUESTS FOR WAIVER OF OVERSTAYER STATUS
November 23, 2009

Requests for waiver of overstayer status in connection with the issuance of umbrella permits received on or before Friday, November 13, 2009 have been processed in two segments.

SEGMENT I: If your name IS NOT LISTED BELOW, then your request was included in Segment I. These requests have been processed by the Department of Labor. Your umbrella permit will be available to be picked up at the first floor distribution center, Labor Department, on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 and Friday, November 27, 2009.

SEGMENT II: If your name is listed below, then your request is included in Segment II. These requests have been delivered by the Department of Labor to the Office of the Attorney General, pursuant to the Delegation of Authority, Paragraph C, issued by the Attorney General on November 17, 2009. Further information on the disposition of requests included in Segment II will be provided by the Office of the Attorney General.

If your request was filed with the Department of Labor after Tuesday, November 17, 2009, then your request is included in Segment II.

NAME	LIDS NO.	NAME	LIDS NO.	NAME	LIDS NO.	NAME	LIDS NO.	NAME	LIDS NO.
An, Xian Lan	285632	He, Yue Juan	114431	Li, Yong Jun		Ren, Hong Hua	118959	Xu, Xiao Hui	188910
Bao, Jian Jun	190426	Hong, Chun Ji	281782	Li, Yun Mei	171741	Ren, Yan Hong	153832	Xu, Xin Bao	149807
Bautista, Stela A.	129245	Hong, Shu	284126	Li, Zhe Chun	133519	Reyes, Evangeline C.	103053	Xu, Xue Quan	156607
Belen, Ramon S.	164597	Hong, Yu Qing	127871	Li, Zhi Jian	357771	Sanchez, Edna D.	133851	Xuan, Hao Zhe	199649
Belgica, Edilberto O.	182066	Hu, Gui Hua	287734	Li, Zhi Xian	291750	Sarmiento, Shirley B.	135252	Xue, Yan Qin	201616
Bian, Jia Shi	131688	Huang, Cheng Zhu	183648	Liang, Hong Jie	139025	Serra, Cristina N.	291120	Yambot, Cristina A.	195062
Cai, Hu	282603	Huang, Hai Yan	186709	Liao, Da Nian	285938	Shao, Hong	163246	Yan, Jing Yan	158701
Cai, Lian Ying	149025	Huang, Lian Jin	181936	Lim, Jin Sook	282046	Shen, Cheng Nan	290573	Yan, Wei	138749
Cai, Ping	200641	Huang, Ru Mei	156509	Lin, Guo Qing	141895	Shen, Dong Zhu	160672	Yang, Guo Can	149353
Calacsan, Paterno R.	134509	Huang, Shao Hai	181679	Lin, Jie	189998	Shen, Ji Fu	132945	Yang, Hong Hui	123425
Cao, Hui Jian	160634	Huang, Wei Chen	126971	Lin, Kai Hua	126322	Shen, Nan Hu	285013	Yang, Huan	173056
Cao, Ming Yun	122908	Huang, Xu	282115	Lin, Mei Dan	138317	Shi, Cang Ben	291034	Yang, Jian Bo	194458
Cao, Ye Ping	143095	Jaquias, Ranilo T.	280138	Lin, Shu Zhen	292896	Song, Le Jun	315335	Yang, Jin E.	188101
Cao, Yu Yi	172661	Jiang, De Ke	291854	Lin, Wei Lin	291245	Su, Gui Ying	357786	Yang, Li Hua	191860
Castro, Regie R.	291340	Jiang, Fu Qiong	151145	Lin, Wen Shui	291135	Su, Wo Hui	155064	Yang, Shen Rong	359067
Che, Yong Nan	152191	Jiang, Hong Ying	297343	Lin, Yun Hui	300161	Sun, Guang Fu	283004	Yang, Yu Shui	152320
Chen, Chun Hui	182410	Jiang, Mei Zhen	165869	Ling, Song Feng	173972	Sun, Jing Bo	357693	Yao, Feng Ying	288529
Chen, Guo Qi	352438	Jiang, Ming Jun	140863	Liu, Feng Xia	159854	Sun, Shu Qing	148734	Ye, Mei Hong	184854
Chen, Jin Fu	109092	Jiang, Yong Nan	140866	Liu, Feng Xia	159854	Sun, Xian Shu	162980	Yin, Guo Lian	281799
Chen, Jun	187516	Jin, Chang Jun	120152	Liu, Guo Xin	269417	Sun, Xiu Li	161624	Yin, Shao Song	190007
Chen, Shui Mei	293002	Jin, Cheng Yun	146945	Liu, Jin Chai	173683	Tabuzo, Charley M.	116022	Yin, Sheng Qiu	189227
Chen, Shun Peng	295656	Jin, Cheng Zhen	289928	Liu, Long Zhu	124717	Tajores, Adelino G.	193866	Yin, Song Zhu	147507
Chen, Su Li	326085	Jin, Guang Xu	289069	Liu, Wo Ming	283589	Tang, Shu Guang	142821	You, Zu Lin	196293
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EDITORIAL

Political grandstanding won't create jobs

One out of 10 American workers will not have a job for which to express gratitude this Thanksgiving. If you add what the Bureau of Labor Statistics calls "marginally attached workers" and those who want to work full time but can find only part-time jobs, then the true employment picture looks even bleaker: 17.5 percent of the labor force is now either unemployed or underemployed. This is a disastrous situation, and you would expect voters to pressure the White House and Congress to address it. You would also expect the federal government to respond.

Still, is it asking too much of our politicians to avoid grandstanding on this serious issue? Apparently, it is. In the past week, we have seen members of the Congressional Black Caucus suddenly decide to hold up a financial reform bill to dramatize their demand for jobs in the African American community. Republicans and Democrats have taken to scapegoating Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, hectoring him at hearings and demanding his resignation, as if the mid-crisis decapitation of his department would solve anything. The Federal Reserve is the target of a bill freshly passed by the House Financial Services Committee that would open its monetary deliberations to political second-guessing. For its part, the Obama administration is pushing extension of a $375 million small-business credit subsidy that is more of a political symbol than an actual job-creator.

Grandstanders have their points. But the fact is that there is no quick fix for unemployment, and it could be dangerous to behave as if there is one. Everyone knew that economic growth would resume before employment growth, and that is basically what has happened. Productivity gains have reduced the need for workers at many firms; the first hires will probably be part-time workers going full time. Many factors are retarding business investment, for reasons ranging from still-weak consumer demand to uncertainty about the future of health care and taxes. One of the biggest fonts of employment growth before the bust was housing, which generated work for everyone from title attorneys to bricklayers. Today real estate is surviving, barely, on federal life support.

Extending unemployment benefits risks reducing some workers' incentives to seek new jobs, but, given the weakness in the job market, that risk is outweighed by the need to ease economic hardship and bolster demand. Some unspent portions of the $787 billion stimulus package could be reprogrammed to provide temporary payroll tax and regulatory relief for small business or to fund infrastructure and public works projects selected to enhance the economy's long-term productive capacity.

But those clamoring for government to "do something" about jobs must recognize that it is already doing an awful lot. Washington is running a $1.4 trillion budget deficit; the Fed is keeping interest rates near zero; and the stimulus money is still far from completely spent. The limits of prudent government intervention are already being tested. This is no time to test the limits of reasoned political debate as well.

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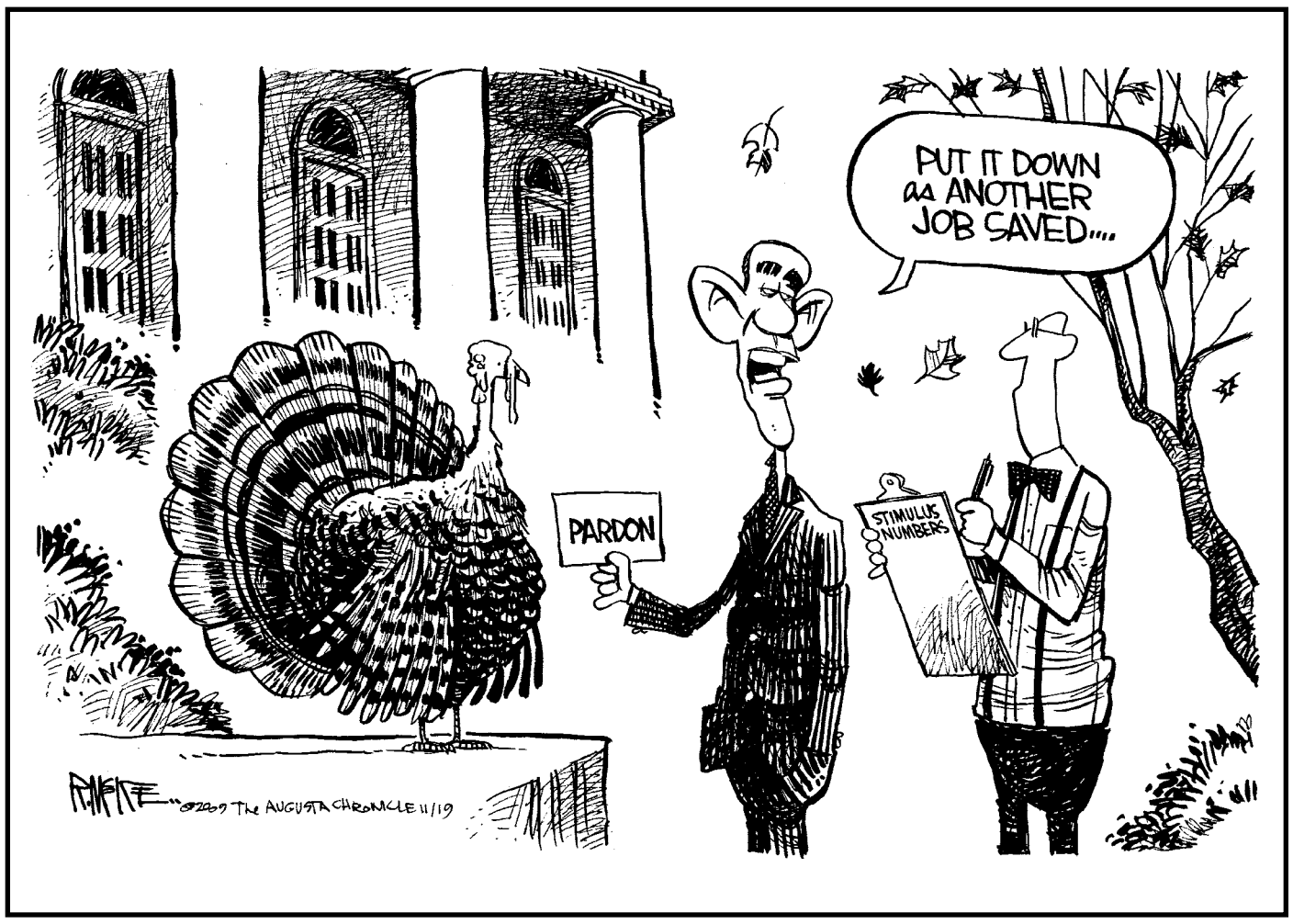

Sound of candlelight silence

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Evening shadows get long early this time of the year so by the time I got to the American Memorial Park at 6pm, the flashlights and the candlelights were already aglow and a-flickering. The troika of Angelo, Jay, and Ed, who alerted many of us of the event were already in their designated places. We stood present to the five dead and eight wounded casualties in the shooting rampage of a caretaker of a closed commercial shooting range in Kannat Tabla, extending to the Command Post at Marpi, and ending in an apparent suicide at the Banzai Cliff.

It was a solemn occasion at the park, with the reality of grief and comfort, confusion and forgiveness, all expressed in the metaphors of the Christian tradition, and mostly, from its Reformation branch. I noticed that cars in the parking lot at the Kristo Rai Parish Church on Gualo Rai spilled over into the streets on my way over to the memorial park so I knew that many in the Vesper hour were in meditation and prayer.

After nudging the unofficial shadow Mayor of Saipan, I took to the bleachers while a confident child's voice and the appointed chorale provided music to offer balm to the communal pain. One of the pastors on stage admitted the difficulty of speaking or even thinking of forgiveness in such an hour of what I called "the singing the songs of Zion by the rivers of Babylon."

A young voice offered a prayer of Islam in Arabic, and the couple seated on the bleachers to my right looked like they were from the subcontinent of South Asia with the lady wearing a sari. Meekly, I inquired if I should greet them with "Namaste," or, "Salaam Malaikum." He smiled and that was when I recognized the gentlemen to be one of the leaders of the ethnic groups on island.

When Angelo closed by observing a moment of silence, the deafening echo into the spheres moved my being as I gazed up to the heavens, and when he suggested that we look to either our right or left, and hug the person next to us, I did not hesitate to give my Moslem seatmate the spirited Iberian abrazo of brotherhood. Then I turned to my other side and did the same to a towering former SVES teacher colleague.

I would have done the same to a vice-principal friend, a lawyer acquaintance whose daughter was one of my 6th grade students, the BOE member who was with his family, all seated in front of where I was. Then there were the legislator and her Web site administrator behind, along with a family of a school counselor and federal employee whose three children I had the privileged of leading or misleading in their academic journey in Social Studies. While high fives would have been appropriate with the brother and sisters on other occasions, I decided to forego familiarity in the prescribed silence of the occasion.

Indeed, silent Silence was the only appropriate language for the occasion!

The unfathomable depth of grieving in the unscheduled loss and infliction of wounds on members of one household about to hold a birthday celebration for a 4 year old, and in the sudden assault on unsuspecting visitors, is beyond description. Innocent suffering under any guise is contemptible. Of equal weight, and just as great a challenge for the lucid, sensitive, and responsive amongst, is acknowledging the extent of desperation and despair among alien members of the community who remain and continue to be treated as "foreign" regardless of what personal expenditures they have poured into their new domicile, and now profoundly in despair for failing to attain the hopes and aspirations they brought with them when they first ventured into our shores.

The desire to understand without cheap shots at justification or condemnation does not come easy. We have now become familiar with the stages of grief by members of the counseling community. Among the phases in one listing are denial, anger, blame, accommodation and acceptance. Without treating them as deterministically occurring in chronological order, we can view each to illuminate what is happening to us.

As an island, denial came swiftly. Immediately, officials declared that the incident is isolated. In an island where even a uniformed law enforcement officer is candid enough to admit, "each time my wife leaves the house, I worry about her safety; I am also apprehensive of the security of my house and the protection of my property," it would have been more truthful for officials to say, "like the rest of the world, we are getting to the crossroad of collapse of not only our social structures but also the patterns of our communal life." We are humbled by our seeming helplessness; we are resolved to stay aware and awake of reasons and trends to avoid a repetition of this sad incident."

I suspect the rest of the world would be more understanding to such truthfulness because there is hardly any place in the world that is not in the same, if not worse, situation.

Anger and blame were already expressed in yesterday's newspaper, though we have heard of the same sentiment before. Speculation is now focused on the possibility of concerted acts of terrorism, and the alarm to raise the threshold of fear and suspicion, a dreadful knee-jerk response from our habits of flight or fight, has been raised and will be mostly likely be fanned some more. The likely target, as already expressed in alluding to the Fort Hood tragedy, are the dreaded Moslems in our midst. While we have yet to fully discard the Yellow Fever threat in our picayune imagination, we have since

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An educated decision

Editor's Note: The following is the testimony presented by Guam Gov. Felix Camacho to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife, U.S. House of Representatives, during the hearing for HR 3940: To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to extend grants and other assistance to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam.

By FELIX PEREZ CAMACHO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Felix P. Camacho is the governor of Guam.

Madam Chairwoman and members of the Committee, thank you for this opportunity to participate in this hearing on the introduction of legislation that seeks to clarify the authority of the Secretary of the Interior in allowing him to extend technical assistance to our island to facilitate a political status public education program for the people of Guam.

Guam's political status has been an issue of substantive debate in every decade since the 1930s. The People of Guam through its commission on self-determination held four referenda on the subject of our political status. Though a commonwealth document was drafted, ratified by the people of Guam and introduced in Congress four different times from 1989 to 1997; the document was never reported out of its Congressional Committee.

Since then, Guam and its tourism-based economy have survived super typhoons, earthquakes, the bursting of the Asian economic bubble, a SARS epidemic, the turmoil in our nation's economy, and the H1N1 influenza virus. Each of these challenges has forced the government of Guam to meet our mandate of basic services amid a climate of ever dwindling financial resources. As this committee knows too well, governing amid tough economic times requires that we set priorities and make tough fiscal decisions.

Though the move of U.S. Marines from Okinawa to Guam will usher in a new era of economic prosperity for the people of Guam, much of the Guam military buildup program's initial requirements will mandate a significant commitment of local resources—resources we presently do not have. This is why HR 3940 is so vital to our self-determination effort.

For the record, I believe that the people of Guam will choose a political relationship that brings Guam closer to the United States, and maybe one day, our brothers and sisters throughout the Marianas. In a time of global uncertainty, when our faiths collide just as easily as our weapons, I believe that Guam's strength will be found in greater unity, not in the old ways of division and political separation.

A recent poll conducted by the University of Guam indicates that more than half of Guam's adult residents report having an immediate family member who has served, or is serving in the U.S. military. We are an island of American patriots and I believe any future plebiscite will act as greater proof of that fact.

It has been more than two decades since Guam's last plebiscite on political status. And so, we must acknowledge that a new generation full of talent and vision is coming to prominence on Guam. I support HR 3940 because I believe that generation will finish the work we may leave behind. Finally, I believe that we share a responsibility to educate them well and assist them in their effort.

The technical assistance garnered by the passage of HR 3940 will allow the Guamanian electorate to make an educated decision concerning our political identity. I applaud the Chairwoman for her work on this issue, and on behalf of the people of Guam lend her our full support.

The right to vote in the CNMI

By JOSE S. DELA CRUZ
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

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As we all know, the NMI Constitution is the basic governing law of the CNMI. It was adopted by the people of the CNMI in 1976, and has been amended since. Any proposed amendment to the NMI Constitution is decided by all the people of the CNMI, not just by "some of the people." The makeup (i.e. the composition) of "the people of the CNMI" has changed over the past 30 years. When the original NMI Constitution was adopted in 1976, literally all the people of the CNMI were "persons of Northern Marianas descent." Since that time, however, many U.S. citizens who are not of Northern Marianas descent have come to the CNMI, made it their home, and have been voting here.

A constitutional question has just recently been raised: whether the NMI Constitution could limit the right to vote to "persons of NMI descent" with respect to a proposed constitutional amendment relating to the right to own land in the CNMI. It is my opinion that the answer to this question is clearly "No." All citizens of the United States who are residing in the CNMI-both those of NMI descent and those who are not of NMI descent-have a right to vote as U.S. citizens and as CNMI residents with respect to amending any provision of the NMI Constitution. The constitutional provision limiting the right to own land to persons of NMI descent does not have and cannot have any bearing on who could vote in NMI elections, including elections to amend Article 12. The fundamental reason for this is because the U.S. Constitution gives every eligible U.S. citizen in a jurisdiction (state, territorial or commonwealth) a right to vote. It does not distinguish between those who could own land and those who could not. Indeed, on matters involving land ownership, person who are not of NMI descent, to the extent that they are adversely affected by Article 12, have just as much right to vote on land ownership matters, as do persons of NMI descent.

Any legal impediment created by the government by law or otherwise-such as Senate Legislative Initiative 11-1 that prohibits U.S. citizens who are not of NMI descent from voting on land ownership matters-is clearly unconstitutional. Such voting restriction is very similar to the "voter-literacy test" requirement and the requirement that voters pay a "poll tax" in order to vote that were practiced in the United States during the past century. Such voting requirements have since been banned by the U.S. Supreme Court. The CNMI should not resurrect a similar requirement in different clothing.

The fact that a proposed amendment to the NMI Constitution involves the CNMI land ownership law (under which non-NMDs could not own land) does not mean that non-NMD U.S. citizens could or should be disenfranchised from voting on amending the NMI Constitution that every citizen in the CNMI is subject to. If a certain segment of the voting population could be disenfranchised from voting on land matters, then the NMI Constitution could also be amended to limit voting on education matters, for example, to only those voters who have children going to school. All you have to do is pass an amendment to the NMI Constitution to this effect. And, if this type of limitation on voting rights were allowed, then Alexis de Tocqueville, the 19th century French historian, would be clearly correct in his assessment over 150 years ago that the danger of democracy lies in the "tyranny of the majority."

It is indeed very unfortunate (and seriously misguided) that Senate Legislative Initiative 11-1 was passed in 1999 to prohibit U.S. citizens who are permanently residing in the Commonwealth (but who are not of NMI decent) from voting on land ownership matters. Although Article 12, which regulates the ownership of land in the CNMI to persons of NMI descent, has been adjudicated by the federal courts as being constitutional under the U.S. Constitution, it does not follow from that ruling that it is also constitutional to disenfranchise a segment of the CNMI community from voting on a proposed amendment to the NMI Constitution with respect to land ownership.

The right to vote is a completely different right from the right to own land. While the right to own land has been declared as being not fundamental in the territories, pursuant to the Insular Cases that were decided at the beginning of the 20th century, the right to vote is a fundamental right of all U.S. citizens in the American democracy. The right to vote is an attribute of U.S. citizenship. It is not an attribute based on land ownership. Indeed, a voting requirement stating that only those citizens who could or do own land could vote is exactly the kind of restriction that the U.S. Supreme Court would immediately strike down as unconstitutional. The right to vote by all U.S. citizens in any jurisdiction of the United States is the very essence of American democracy. Indeed, one of the fundamental reasons why the people of the CNMI joined the United States 30 years ago is to be a part of the American political family and enjoy the rights and freedoms guaranteed under its democratic system of government. One of these rights is the right to vote.

There are some of us who would then go on to rightfully raise several valid questions. For example: So why can't we vote for the U.S. President? Why are CNMI citizens (both those who are and are not of NMI descent) treated like "second-class citizens?" Why does the U.S. Congress, on occasion, treat the CNMI with little regard for our economic welfare? The answer to these and other valid questions would require a much longer explanation than my purpose in writing this. (And I have been told that my letters are either "too long" or "too high-brow.") For now, let me just get back and conclude this matter.

In our democracy, all U.S. citizens have the right to vote with respect to who their elected leaders will be and what the basic governing law of our jurisdiction should be. A majority of the electorate in a democracy, however, cannot decide who could vote and who could not vote with respect to amending any provision of our Constitution. To disenfranchise other U.S. citizens who live in and are permanently residing in the CNMI from voting to amend the basic governing law of the CNMI (the law that governs everyone in the CNMI), even if the proposed amendment involves only the matter of land ownership, would clearly run afoul of the U.S. Constitution.

The CNMI Attorney General, as the chief legal officer of the Commonwealth, has an obligation to issue a clear legal opinion on this issue immediately, so that the CNMI Commission on Elections would be guided accordingly, in the event of any election to amend Article 12. The courts (CNMI or federal) would have to render a declaratory judgment on the issue at some point, because the constitutional restriction on voting on land matters is still "in the book," so to speak.

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Letter to the Editor

Miscue

This past Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2009, a political ad appeared in your paper featuring candidates for the upcoming CNMI runoff election in concert with a number of other groups and individuals. The ad is of concern because it claimed the unchallenged support of the groups and individuals included in the photo lineup of the ad.

Members of the military, members of various "legally" apolitical agencies and departments, and other independent persons were cast—in the photos—as directly supporting the featured candidates. Sir, the ethics of including others in political support of candidates without their permission and without their knowledge is more than questionable.

Fairness, and possibly any number of legal statutes, demands that ethical and editorial standards be strictly adhered to in matters large and small as a matter of course. Such standards were most certainly "not" followed in the case of the ad in question this past Wednesday.

An explanation, and perhaps even an unqualified apology, of this kind of political favoritism and careless neglect of ethical and editorial conduct should be immediately tendered the public and to the people and groups exploited in the ad.

The *Saipan Tribune*, as a primary source of information in the Commonwealth, is usually a much better guardian of ethical protocol than is the case in this particular example of political activism. I hope your good offices will do its utmost to rectify this error in judgment.

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raised the specter of Mohammed's followers scheming against our well-being.

To allay our discomfort, we will negotiate with ourselves and our systems. If only we can rid of these threats in our midst, we will retain domestic tranquility and personal equanimity. The Christian tradition used to be high on grace-full acceptance, "that sin abounds, but grace abounds much more." That is no longer the case. A narrow and exclusive fundamentalism has taken over the reins of many houses of worship. But last night, the light of silence spoke powerfully to our hearts and minds, and may that light shine our paths to the unconditional courage to care for one another and to the covenant of compassion. Indeed, it is more human to light a candle than curse the darkness.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Showers	▲85	▼77
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Yap	Showers	▲88	▼77
Chuuk	Rain	▲88	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲85	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲86	▼81
Majuro	Showers	▲86	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲72	▼58
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲48	▼21
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲79	▼66
Honolulu	Showers	▲81	▼72
London	Showers	▲61	▼46
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲78	▼50
Manila	Showers	▲84	▼75
Melbourne	Sunny	▲75	▼55
Miami	Showers	▲85	▼71
New York	Rain	▲56	▼46
Osaka	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼45
Paris	Showers	▲57	▼43
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Rome	Mostly Cloudy	▲62	▼45
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲51	▼37
San Francisco	Sunny	▲64	▼47
Seoul	Partly Sunny	▲55	▼43
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲61	▼48
Washington, DC	Rain	▲56	▼48

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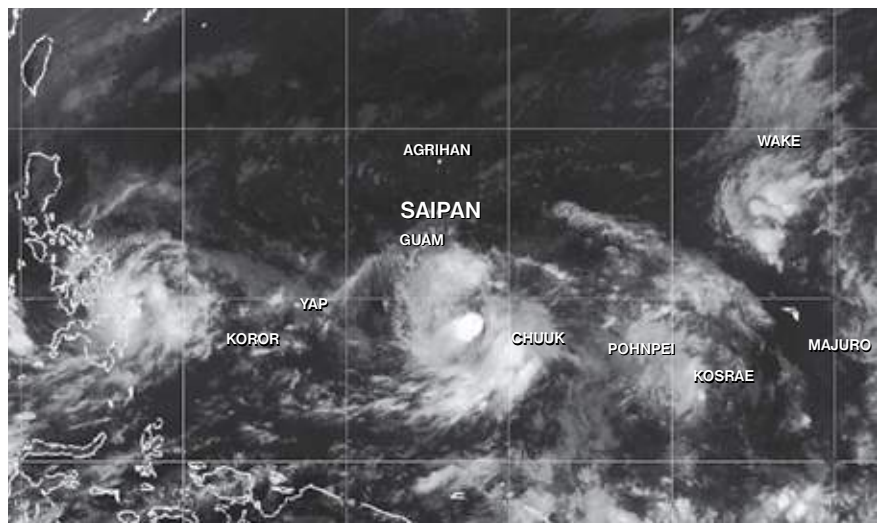
Saipan Harbor		
6:23 AM Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
1:52 PM Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
8:08 PM Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Tropical Depression 26W is centered 450 miles southeast of Guam at 8N149E with maximum sustained winds of 35 mph. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found within 260 miles of the center. For more detailed information on 26W, see bulletins issued by the JTWC under WMO header WTPN21 PGTW and advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough extends eastward from 7N130E through Tropical Depression 26W then through a weak circulation centered northeast of Pohnpei at 8N159E to end near 4N168E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found west of Koror between 12N and 6N from 130E to 132E and within 70 miles of a line from 9N157E to 3N160E. An upper-level low centered near 21N163E is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Wake Island between 24N and 13N from 163E to 170E. A surface trough over the Marshall Islands extends southeastward from 9N171E to 3N177E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located between 8N and 3N from 171E to 177E as well as within 50 miles of a line from 10N175E to 12N178E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:23 AM	5:44 PM
Wednesday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Thursday	6:24 AM	5:44 PM
Friday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM
Saturday	6:25 AM	5:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:55 AM	11:52 PM
Wednesday	12:30 PM	
Thursday	1:05 PM	12:39 AM
Friday	1:41 PM	1:26 AM
Saturday	2:19 PM	2:15 AM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF NOVEMBER 4, 2009

DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

C09597	11:30am	12:05pm	1, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	12:40pm	1:10pm	1, 7

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:45am	5:35am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09597	11:30am	1:10pm	1, 7 via ROP
C09601	12:20pm	1:10pm	4, 5
C09603	3:15pm	4:05pm	Daily
C09605	6:20pm	7:10pm	Daily
C09599	9:20pm	10:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

NW287	6:00am	8:40am	Daily
NW297	4:45pm	7:30pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:40am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ606	3:20pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

CZ3008	3:30am	6:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA

OZ604/701	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:40am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
OZ604/703	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/933	3:15pm	9:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:20pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:10am	12:00pm	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:40am	12:00pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

C09598	3:30am	4:05am	5, 6
C09312	1:20pm	1:55pm	6

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	2:20am	2:50am	5, 6
C09312	12:10pm	12:40pm	6

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09598	2:20am	4:05am	5, 6 via ROP
C09316	2:20am	3:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 7
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7
C09312	12:10pm	1:55pm	6 via ROP
C09602	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	4:50pm	5:40pm	Daily
C09606	8:00pm	8:50pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

NW298	10:05pm	2:50pm	Daily
NW288	8:45pm	1:20am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:20pm	4, 7
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:30am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

CZ3007	7:30pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA-SAIPAN

OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	1:10pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
PR110/C09596	10:10pm	7:50am+1 via GUM	1, 3, 5, 6, 7
C0934/9596	11:10pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM
OZ704/605	11:55pm	2:20pm+1	2,4,6,7 via ICN

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ750/605	1:00am	2:20pm	2,4,6,7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:30pm	1:30am+1 via ICN	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

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ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota			
FRE 100	7:00am	7:30am	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 100	7:50am	8:20am	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 200	9:00am	9:30am	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 200	9:50am	10:15am	Daily
Guam-Rota			
FRE 300	4:00pm	4:30pm	Daily
Rota-Saipan			
FRE 300	4:50pm	5:25pm	Daily
Saipan-Rota			
FRE 400	6:00pm	6:30pm	Daily
Rota-Guam			
FRE 400	6:45pm	7:15pm	Daily
Saipan-Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45am	6:55am	Daily
FRE 103	7:30am	7:40am	Daily
FRE 105	8:00am	8:10am	Daily
FRE 107	8:40am	8:50am	Daily
FRE 109*	9:10am	9:20am	Daily
FRE 111*	10:45am	10:55am	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40am	11:50am	Daily
FRE 115	1:00pm	1:10pm	Daily
FRE 117	2:30pm	2:40pm	Daily
FRE 119	4:00pm	4:10pm	Daily
FRE 121	4:40pm	4:50pm	Daily
FRE 123 *	5:40pm	5:50pm	Daily
FRE 125 *	6:00pm	6:10pm	Daily
Tinian-Saipan w/ connecting flights to Rota or Guam**			
FRE 102	7:05am	7:15am	Daily
FRE 104	7:50am	8:00am	Daily
FRE 106**	8:20am	8:30am	Daily
FRE 108**	9:00am	9:10am	Daily
FRE 110	10:00am	10:10am	Daily
FRE 112	11:05am	11:15am	Daily
FRE 114	12:00pm	12:10pm	Daily
FRE 116	1:30pm	1:40pm	Daily
FRE 118	2:50pm	3:00pm	Daily
FRE 120**	4:20pm	4:30pm	Daily
FRE 122**	5:00pm	5:10pm	Daily
FRE 124	6:05pm	6:15pm	Daily
FRE 126	6:20pm	6:30pm	Daily

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SHRM's monthly meeting to tackle discriminatory hiring

Frank Gibson, a local human resource management consultant and former president of the Society for Human Resource Management CNMI Chapter, will be the guest speaker during SHRM's November general membership meeting on Nov. 25.

Gibson is scheduled to talk about the increased danger of discriminatory decisions, and the resultant discrimination charges, in the down economy the CNMI is currently dealing with. Closures, layoffs, reduced revenues, decreased hours, increased work stresses: all of these factors contribute to an environment where personnel decisions will be made that could be, or could be perceived to be, discriminatory. Frank will discuss the difficulties that HR professionals and managers are facing at this time and things that they can do to minimize discrimination dangers.

Gibson is the owner of the CNMI consulting firm HR Support, CNMI. He was previously the special adviser to the CNMI Director of Personnel and the EEO coordinator for the Commonwealth.

The Chapter meeting will be held at the Tapochau Restaurant at the Saipan World Resort on Wednesday, Nov. 25, 2009. Doors open at 11:15am for registration. Cost for members is $20 and $30 for non-SHRM members (government purchase orders accepted). Cost includes lunch and presentation materials.

Reservations are required. Individuals interested in attending this meeting should contact Marlene C. Cruz at marlenecruz@hotmail.com or Denise Montenegro at the HR Office at the Hyatt Regency, 234-1234 or via e-mail at dmontenegro@hyattsaipan.com. ***(PR)***

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

NMC workshop on livestock healthcare and management postponed

The Northern Marianas College's Workshop on Alternative Herbal Medicine for Livestock Healthcare in the Western Pacific, which was scheduled for November 24-25, 2009, has been postponed. A new date, time, and venue will be announced within the next few weeks. For more information, please contact the Northern Marianas College Cooperative Research Extension and Education Service at 234-5498 ext. 1708. *(NMC)*

Air Force to hold laser training on FDM

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Air Force will conduct laser training exercises on the island of Farallon de Medinilla from 6am on Nov. 24 to 3pm of Nov. 25.

The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Medinilla Training Area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. The public—especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from this area during the times and dates indicated.

Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ***(PR)***

Make-A-Wish Foundation to grant computer wish

TAMUNING, Guam—The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam granted its 187th wish at Atkins Kroll on Saturday, with 12-year-old Teysha O. receiving her own laptop computer, complete with accessories. A private lunch reception was also held in her honor.

The event was hosted at the newly expanded AK lot in Tamuning as part of the Wish List promotion to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam. During the months of November and December, AK will donate $50 to the Foundation for every new Toyota model car sold, on behalf of the new car owner.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. The Guam chapter services the islands of Guam and the Northern Marianas. For more information about the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Guam, e-mail mawfguam@ite.net, visit its Web site at www.guamwish.org or call (671) 649-WISH. ***(PR)***

MCS Theatre Club presents musical

Mount Carmel School's Theatre Club presents a musical adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Winter's Tale,* featuring musical performances from the award-winning Saipan Southern High School Manta Band and The Wise Men.

Performances will be held at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort and Spa and will start with a dinner show on Friday, Dec. 4, with dinner at 6pm and the performance at 7pm. Cost is $35. Regular show is on Saturday, Dec. 5, at 7pm. Cost is just $5.

Due to limited seating, advance purchase of tickets is strongly recommended. Tickets are available from cast and crew members or at the Mount Carmel School Business Office. For more information, call 234-6184 or visit http://mcstheatreclub.blogspot.com. This show is made possible, in part, with support from IT&E. ***(PR)***

Model of latte structure graces museum exhibit

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The model, constructed by Chamorro craftsman, artist and historian Noel Quitugua, is exacting in its detail. The model is based on early Spanish descriptions of latte period structures.

The exhibits of the CNMI Museum of History and Culture now feature a new scale model of a latte period structure.

The model, constructed by Chamorro craftsman, artist and historian Noel Quitugua, is exacting in its detail, which includes tools and implements, pottery, canoes and other articles that would have been associated with a household of the time. The model is based on early Spanish descriptions of latte period structures.

According to museum director Robert Hunter, "There is simply no other model of a latter period structure that is as detailed or accurate as this one. We are lucky to have someone on island with the artistry and knowledge of Chamorro history that Mr. Quitugua has. Nowhere, not on Guam or in any other museum, does a latte structure of this detail exist."

The latte house model is on display in the pre-contact period exhibit area at the CNMI Museum of History and Culture.

The museum is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 4:30pm, and Saturdays from 9am to 12pm. ***(PR)***

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2009 Runoff Election

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, standing fourth from left, joins his supporters in the Covenant Party tent near the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque around 4pm yesterday, as the CNMI held its first gubernatorial runoff election.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Rep. Heinz S. Hofschneider and his Republican Party family also near the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School in San Roque yesterday afternoon.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Covenant Party supporters are in high spirits late afternoon near the Garapan Elementary School.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Henry S. Hofschneider leads Republican Party supporters in waving at passersby near Garapan Elementary School.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

A mother and child supporter of the Republican Party ticket in Garapan.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios, second from left, joins supporters in Garapan.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

House Speaker Arnold I. Palacios and his wife Wella shortly before casting their vote at the Garapan Elementary School.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial casts his vote at the Garapan Elementary School polling station at 7:10am yesterday.

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A young Covenant Party supporter in Garapan.

Business

Holidays will again test NYC air travel bottleneck

AP

In this Nov. 22, 2006 file photo, travelers arrive for their flights at LaGuardia Airport in New York.

NEW YORK (AP)—Fewer people are expected to fly this holiday season, but travelers shouldn't expect a full reprieve from the horrid flight delays of Thanksgivings past, especially if they need to land anywhere near New York City.

Despite some recent improvements, the Big Apple's three major airports continue to be the country's worst air travel bottleneck.

Through the first nine months of the year, they ranked first, second and third worst in on-time arrivals among the 31 major U.S. air hubs, according to federal statistics.

The problem doesn't affect just New Yorkers. Because such a large percentage of the nation's flights pass through the city sometime during any given day, delays here have a tendency to ripple elsewhere.

In 2007, nearly three-quarters of all delays in the U.S. could be traced to a problem in New York, according to the Federal Aviation Administration. The logjam has received a lot of attention over the past two years, with mixed results.

The FAA tinkered with takeoff and landing procedures and limited the number of flights allowed at all three airports. Airlines adjusted their schedules. Air traffic controllers settled a labor dispute. The military even opened up restricted airspace off the East Coast.

Improvements have been modest.

On busy days, the lines of planes landing at LaGuardia Airport can still stretch unbroken in the sky for 40 miles, said Dean Iacopelli, an air traffic controller and union representative at the facility that handles approaches to New York.

"All we can do is take them and space them out as close as FAA rules allow," he said. "It's not like you can put more aircraft in there. That's it. We're just maxed out."

Getting planes off the ground is no picnic, either, he said.

With a takeoff or landing scheduled every 40 to 50 seconds during peak periods, controllers are sometimes so busy giving instructions that they can't get the words out quickly enough.

"One guy just can't talk that fast," Iacopelli said.

The little relief that has come recently has been due partly to a nationwide reduction in air travel, experts said.

Flights were down 10 percent at LaGuardia and 9 percent at Newark Liberty International in the fiscal year that ended in July. They were down nearly 5 percent at John F. Kennedy International Airport.

Investors look to data-heavy week for more clarity

NEW YORK (AP)—Investors are heading toward the final month of the year with more questions about the economy than they had just a few weeks ago.

The uncertainty, which follows some downbeat reports on housing and employment, will likely mean choppy trading, especially as volume dwindles during the holiday season.

In this week, which will be abbreviated due to Thanksgiving, investors will look to reports on home sales, unemployment and consumer confidence and the start of the holiday shopping season on Friday for more insight into the direction of the economy.

The government also will revise its early estimate of the gross domestic product that said the economy grew at an annual pace of 3.5 percent during the third quarter. Many analysts now expect a smaller increase in GDP because of recent reports on housing and retail sales.

Rising unemployment taxes could hinder hiring

WASHINGTON (AP)—As if small businesses needed another reason not to hire, consider their latest financial burden: The cost of rising unemployment itself.

Employers already are squeezed by tight credit, rising health care costs, wary consumers and a higher minimum wage. Now, the surging jobless rate is imposing another cost. It's forcing higher state taxes on companies to pay for unemployment insurance claims.

Some employers say the extra costs make them less likely to hire. That could be a worrisome sign for the economic recovery, because small businesses create about 60 percent of new jobs. Other employers say they'll cut or freeze pay.

Chuck Ferrar, who owns a liquor store in Annapolis, Md., expects to pay $9,000 in unemployment taxes next year, up from $3,000 this year. Health care costs for his employees will rise by $8,000, or 17.5 percent. "When you start adding this up, it turns into real money," he said. "If I lose an employee through attrition, I will not replace him. You can't afford to do it."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Newspaper circulation may be worse than it looks

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—While U.S. newspapers are losing subscribers at a staggering rate, a few dailies stand out because their circulation is rising. But they aren't necessarily selling more copies. Here's why: Since April 1, new auditing rules have made it easier for newspapers to count a reader as a paying customer. These looser standards are especially helpful to a newspaper if it sells an "electronic edition." That can include a subscriber-only Web site, such as what The Wall Street Journal has, or it can be a digital replica of a newspaper's printed product. Several dozen publications, including USA Today, sell access to these daily "e-editions" that show how the news was laid out in print.

Report: UK's Cadbury won't bite on Hershey offer

LONDON (AP)—British candy company Cadbury PLC will reject an expected 10.3 billion pound ($17 billion) takeover bid from U.S. confectionary giant Hershey Co., a newspaper reported Sunday. Britain's Sunday Times cited an unnamed industry source as saying Cadbury is reluctant to do a deal unless Hershey raises its valuation of the company, which makes the Dairy Milk chocolate bar. The Wall Street Journal reported Friday that Hershey Co. is preparing a bid, but that it won't be ready for around two weeks. It said the offer is expected to include at least $10 billion in cash from Hershey, plus $2 billion in new Hershey shares and another $3 billion to $5 billion in cash from investors in exchange for equity in Hershey.

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. Plaintiff, v. **VINCENT A. MANGLONA AND BENITA A. MANGLONA,** Defendant.	CIVIL CASE NO. 08-0197 **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on May, 13, 2009 and a Writ of Execution issued on July 20, 2009 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant, **Vincent A. Manglona and Benita A. Manglona** in and to the following real properties located at Saipan, Northern Mariana, Islands:

Tract No. 20472-3, (formerly part of original Tract 20472, AH 506) as more particularly described on Drawing / Cadastral Plat No. 2031/81, the original of which was registered on January 16, 1981, as Document No. 11233 at Land Registry, Saipan, said property is located in San Vicente, Saipan, containing an area of 930 square meters, more or less.

Tract No. 081 E 02, as more particularly described on Drawing / Cadastral Plat No. 081 E 00, the original of which was recorded on September 13, 1998, as Document No. 88-2746A at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan, said property is located in Sadog Tasi, Saipan containing an area of 1,672 square meters, more or less.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on December 11, 2009 at the hour 09:45.m. at the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar 1st Floor San Jose Court Building, Corner Ghiyeghi St., and Wischira Way, San Jose Saipan, MP 96950. The sale will be open to the general public.
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Conduct of Sale.
a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price for any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.
b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs and the usages of the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such a property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.
c. Bids. Bids may be submitted in advance for any or all of the property listed in this Notice. The highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the item. Advance bids may be submitted only in writing, signed by the bidder, and delivered to the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar 1st Floor San Jose Court Building, Corner Ghiyeghi St., and Wschira Way, San Jose Saipan MP 96950. The bidder assumes all risks of non-delivery, late delivery, or mis-delivery of bids. Any person, including the plaintiff, may bid in person at the auction sale, whether or not such person has submitted an advance bid.
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Enforcement of Auction Sale.
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b. Memorandum of Sale. If requested by the undersigned, every successful bidder must sign a Memorandum of Sale, immediately after the sale of any property is struck off at auction.
c. Court Approval. Every sale maybe subject to approval by the court. The Auctioneer makes no warranties or promises with the respect to court approval maybe granted. No delay in the granting of court approval shall be ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any successful bidder. The successful bidder will be promptly notified if and when court approval is granted.
Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 2nd day of November, 2009:

LAW OFFICE OF DANILO T. AGUILAR
By: /S/ DANILO T. AGUILAR
Auctioneer

SAIPAN, M.P.) ss

ON THIS 2ND day of November, 2009, before me, a Notary Public, in and for Saipan, Personally appeared DANILO T. AGUILAR, of the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar, known to me to be the attorney for WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC., whose name is subscribed to the foregoing NOTICE OF SALE, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed on behalf of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. Plaintiff, v. **AARON D. TAWNEY AND AGNELIA P. TAWNEY** Defendant.	CIVIL CASE NO. 08-0268 **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on May, 4 2009 and a Writ of Execution issued on July 1, 2009 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant, **Aaron D. Tawney and Agnelia P. Tawney** in and to the following real properties located at Saipan, Northern Mariana, Islands:

That certain indenture of lease made by Antonio S. Guerrero, as lesser, to Playford M. Ramsey and Kristin V. Ramsey, as lessee, by that assignment dated May 31, 1995 and recorded June 1, 1995 ad Document No. 95-13331 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan and assigned to Aaron Tawney and Agnelia P. Tawney, lessee, by that assignment dated 26 September, 2000 and recorder 13 October, 2000 as Document No. 2154 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan, demising and leasing for a term of 55 years beginning May 26, 1995 and ending May 25, 2050 the following described premises.

EA 148-1-20, (part of EA 148-1-R2, which was formerly part of EA 148-1-R1, which was part of original EA 148) Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as more particularly described on Drawing / Cadastral Plat No, 2097/95, the original of which was recorded May 9, 1995 as Document No. 95-1157 at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan, said the property is located in I- Akgak Saipan, Northern Marianas island.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on December 11, 2009 at the hour 10:15 a.m. at the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar 1st Floor San Jose Court Building, Corner Ghiyeghi St., and Wischira Way, San Jose Saipan, MP 96950. The sale will be open to the general public.
Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.
Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and / or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenants, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither he undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages or any other remedy on account thereof.
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DATED, this 2nd day of November, 2009:

LAW OFFICE OF DANILO T. AGUILAR
By: /S/ DANILO T. AGUILAR
Auctioneer

SAIPAN, M.P.) ss

ON THIS 2ND day of November, 2009, before me, a Notary Public, in and for Saipan, Personally appeared DANILO T. AGUILAR, of the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar, known to me to be the attorney for WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC., whose name is subscribed to the foregoing NOTICE OF SALE, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed on behalf of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

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Nation

Senate Democrats at odds over health care bill

WASHINGTON (AP)—Moderate Senate Democrats threatened Sunday to scuttle healthcare legislation if their demands aren't met, while more liberal members warned their party leaders not to bend.

The dispute among Democrats foretells of a rowdy floor debate next month on legislation that would extend health care coverage to roughly 31 million Americans. Republicans have already made clear they aren't supporting the bill.

Final passage is in jeopardy, even after the chamber's historic 60-39 vote Saturday night to begin debate.

"I don't want a big-government, Washington-run operation that would undermine the ... private insurance that 200 million Americans now have," said Sen. Ben Nelson, a conservative Nebraska Democrat.

Nelson and three other moderates—Democratic Sens. Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas and Connecticut independent Joe Lieberman—agreed to open debate despite expressing reservations on the measure. Each of them has warned that they might not support the final bill.

One major sticking point is a provision that would allow Americans to buy a federal-run insurance plan if their state allows it. Moderates say they worry the so-called public option will become a huge and costly entitlement program and that other requirements in the bill could cripple businesses.

"I don't want to fix the problems in our health care system in a way that creates more of an economic crisis," said Lieberman.

Lawyer: 9/11 defendants want platform for views

NEW YORK (AP)—The five men facing trial in the Sept. 11 attacks will plead not guilty so that they can air their criticisms of U.S. foreign policy, the lawyer for one of the defendants said Sunday.

Scott Fenstermaker, the lawyer for accused terrorist Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, said the men would not deny their role in the 2001 attacks but "would explain what happened and why they did it."

The U.S. Justice Department announced earlier this month that Ali and four other men accused of murdering nearly 3,000 people in the deadliest terrorist attack in the U.S. will face a civilian federal trial just blocks from the site of the destroyed World Trade Center.

AP

This combination of undated photos shows, from left: Ali Abd al-Aziz Ali, Waleed bin Attash, Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, Mustafa Ahmad al-Hawsawi and Ramzi Binalshibh.

Ali, also known as Ammar al-Baluchi, is a nephew of professed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

Mohammed, Ali and the others will explain "their assessment of American foreign policy," Fenstermaker said.

"Their assessment is negative," he said.

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. Plantiff, v. **ANDRESINA BENAVENTE**, Defendant.	CIVIL CASE NO. 08-0271 **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on May, 13, 2009 and a Writ of Execution issued on July 15, 2009 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant, **Andresina Benavente** in and to the following real properties located at Saipan, Northern Mariana, Islands:

E.A. 216-5-1, (formerly part of E.A. 216-5, which was part of E.A. 216), as more particularly described on Drawing / Cadastral Plat No. 2053/89, the original of which was recorded on 02 February as 1989, as Document No. 89-352, at Commonwealth Recorder's Saipan, said property is located in As Perdido Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on December 11, 2009 at the hour 09:30 a.m. at the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar 1st Floor San Jose Court Building, Corner Ghiyeghi St., and Wischira Way, San Jose Saipan, MP 96950. The sale will be open to the general public.

Inspection of Property. It is the responsibility of each bidder to inspect the property prior to sale. Failure to inspect the property or any portion thereof will not constitute ground for any claim, adjustment, or rescission by any buyer.

Warranties and Covenants. All property listed for sale in this Notice will be sold in its current condition, and at its current location. The sale will be held without any warranties or covenants whatsoever, whether express or implied, including but not limited to warranties of title, merchantability, and / or fitness for any purpose whatsoever, all of which warranties and covenants are hereby expressly disclaimed. Neither the undersigned nor the plaintiff may give any warranty or covenants, express or implied, with respect to the property listed for sale in this Notice. Neither he undersigned nor the plaintiff shall be liable for the quality of the property listed for sale in this Notice, or for any fault or defect in the description thereof. Buyer shall not be entitled to rescission, damages or any other remedy on account thereof.

Conduct of Sale.

a. Reserve. The auction sale may be held with reserve. The reserve price for any property offered for sale may or may not be disclosed to bidders, in the sole discretion of the undersigned.
b. Rights and duties of auctioneer. Consistent with the laws, customs and the usages of the commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales, the undersigned shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale: (1) to withdraw the property listed for sale in this Notice before sale or before a bid for such a property is accepted; (2) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is struck off, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and (3) to reject, on behalf of the seller, any or all bids, for any reason.
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Change of Terms and Conditions. The undersigned and the plaintiff reserve the right to change any of the terms hereof by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause, shall be binding on all bidders by constructive notice.

DATED, this 2nd day of November, 2009:

LAW OFFICE OF DANILO T. AGUILAR
By: /S/ DANILO T. AGUILAR
Auctioneer

SAIPAN, M.P.) ss

ON THIS 2ND day of November, 2009, before me, a Notary Public, in and for Saipan, Personally appeared **DANILO T. AGUILAR**, of the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar, known to me to be the attorney for **WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC.**, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing **NOTICE OF SALE**, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed on behalf of said corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year first above written.

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL SAIPAN, INC. Plaintiff, v. **JOAN M. SABLAN**, Defendant.	CIVIL CASE NO. 08-0154 **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the pursuant to an Order issued by the Court on May 4, 2009 and a Writ of Execution issued on July 1, 2009 in this matter, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth herein below, all of the right, title, and interest of defendant, **Joan M. Sablan** in and to the following real properties located at Saipan, Northern Mariana, Islands:

Lot 003 I 14 (formerly lot 3 block 5), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 0033 I 00 the original of which was recorded on March 01, 1971, as Document No. 714 at Land Registry of Saipan, said property is located in San Antonio, Saipan containing improvements used as the personal residence of Mortgagor.

Date, Time and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on December 11, 2009 at the hour 10:00 a.m. at the Law Office of Danilo T. Aguilar 1st Floor San Jose Court Building, Corner Ghiyeghi St., and Wischira Way, San Jose Saipan, MP 96950. The sale will be open to the general public.

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Study: Kids watching hours of TV at home day cares

SEATTLE (AP)—Parents who thought their preschoolers were spending time in home-based day cares, taking naps, eating healthy snacks and learning to play nicely with others may be surprised to discover they are sitting as many as two hours a day in front of a TV, according to a study published Monday.

When added to the two to three hours many parents already admit to allowing at home, preschoolers in child care may be spending more than a third of the about 12 hours they are awake each day in front of the electronic baby sitter, said Dr. Dimitri Christakis, a pediatrician at Children's Hospital and Regional Medical Center in Seattle and a researcher at the University of Washington.

That's double the TV time he found in a previous study based on parental reports of home viewing, according to findings published Monday in the journal Pediatrics. The study is the first to look at TV watching in child care in more than 20 years.

ACROSS THE NATION

Astronaut's baby daughter born as he circles Earth

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP)—Astronaut Randolph Bresnik jubilantly welcomed his new daughter into the world Sunday as he floated 220 miles above it. Abigail Mae Bresnik was born as her father circled Earth on his first space shuttle mission, just hours after his first spacewalk. It was only the second time in history that a NASA astronaut was in orbit instead of the delivery room. "At 11:04 last night, Abigail Mae Bresnik joined the NASA family," Bresnik announced Sunday morning from the linked space shuttle Atlantis and International Space Station. "Mama and baby are doing very well."

RI bishop asked Kennedy in 2007 to avoid Communion

EAST PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP)—The Roman Catholic bishop of Rhode Island said Sunday that he asked Rep. Patrick Kennedy in a 2007 letter to stop receiving Communion, the central sacrament of the church, because of the congressman's public stance on moral issues. Bishop Thomas Tobin divulged details of his confidential exchange with Kennedy after the Democratic lawmaker told The Providence Journal in a story published Sunday that Tobin had instructed him not to receive Communion. The two men have clashed repeatedly in the past few weeks over abortion. Kennedy did not say where or how he received those instructions. He declined to say whether he has obeyed the bishop's request.

NRC: Three Mile Island radiation not significant

MIDDLETOWN, Pa. (AP)—The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission says the small amount of radiation detected at the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant is not significant. Specialist John White has told ABC News that there is no indication that radiation at the plant exceeded or even approached regulatory limits. The commission sent investigators to the central Pennsylvania plant after a small amount of radiation was detected. About 150 employees were sent home Saturday afternoon, but officials say there is no public health risk. Exelon Nuclear spokeswoman Beth Archer says the radiation was quickly contained.

Asia

Search on for Indonesian ferry accident survivors

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Rescuers returned to choppy waters off Indonesia's Sumatra island Monday to search for 21 passengers still missing after a ferry sank in a storm. Officials say 254 survivors were pulled from the sea and at least 29 other people drowned.

The Dumai Express 10 was hit by towering waves Sunday and sank about 90 minutes into an inter-island trip from Batam to Dumai in Riau, a province off Sumatra island in western Indonesia. A second ferry ran aground nearby, but all its passengers were said to be safe.

Fishing boats, police patrols and navy warships set out in lashing rain at first light Monday in search of 21 people reported missing, said Lt. Col. Edwin, a navy officer heading the mission. Like many Indonesians, he uses one name.

"The bad weather and 4-meter (13-foot) high waves are still hampering the search and rescue," Edwin said, adding that 254 people had survived. "We will keep looking."

AP

A sinking ferry survivor is seen floating on the sea before being rescued off Karimun island, Indonesia on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009.

Indonesian ferry accidents have killed hundreds of people in recent years. Boats are often overcrowded, and safety regulations are poorly enforced. The vast country spans more than 17,000 islands, and boats are a popular and relatively cheap form of transportation.

The stricken ferry went down about 30 minutes after huge waves damaged its bow and water started seeping in, according to a report from the ship's captain, said Lt. Col. Edwin, the local navy chief.

Miners' families want answers in China mine blast

HEGANG, China (AP)—Grieving miners' families demanded answers Monday from mining officials about the underground gas explosion that left at least 104 men dead in northeastern China.

The massive blast Saturday in Hegang city in frigid Heilongjiang province erupted at night when some 500 miners were working below ground. Most escaped, but 104 were confirmed dead and an additional four were missing and feared dead, the official Xinhua news agency reported Monday.

The explosion at the Xinxing coal mine, which belongs to the state-owned Heilongjiang Longmei Mining Holding Group, was the deadliest in China's mining industry in two years, and has highlighted how heavy demand for power-generating coal comes at a high human cost.

At the gates of the mining company's offices, family members and friends confronted mining officials with questions until some of them were escorted into an office by police, security guards and other officials.

Dalai Lama insists Obama is not soft on China

NEW DELHI (AP)—The Dalai Lama defended President Barack Obama from criticism that he has been too soft on China, saying Sunday that the U.S. leader just has a different approach to dealing with the Asian giant.

Obama made his first trip to China as president last week and has faced criticism that he didn't do enough to press Beijing on Tibet during his meetings with senior Chinese officials.

"Obama is not soft on China; just has a different style," the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader said in an interview aired on Indian television.

The Dalai Lama did not elaborate on those comments, but he did address criticism that Obama didn't meet him when he visited the United States in October.

"I am not disappointed that Obama has not met me yet," the Dalai Lama told New Delhi Television.

He said he believed Obama would discuss Tibet with Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh when the two meet Tuesday in Washington.

ASIAN BRIEFS

2 bomb blasts leave 7 dead, 52 wounded in India

GAUHATI, India (AP)—Suspected militants set off two bombs outside a police station in India's restive northeast on Sunday, killing seven people and wounding more than 50, police said. Five people died instantly after two blasts went off within minutes of each other outside the station in Nalbari town near the Assam state capital, Gauhati, a local police official said. Two people died later in a hospital, he said. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity as he is not authorized to speak to the media, said what officials had earlier reported was a third bomb in a market a few miles (kilometers) away, turned out to be a firecracker.

Chinese dissident Huang Qi sentenced to 3 years

BEIJING (AP)—A Chinese court on Monday sentenced a veteran dissident convicted of spying to three years in prison. Huang Qi was convicted of illegally possessing state secrets by the Wuhou district court in the western city of Chengdu, his wife Zeng Li said by telephone. Zeng said no details were given about the charge, an ill-defined accusation often used by Communist leaders to clamp down on dissent and imprison activists. Huang was detained on June 10, 2008, after posting articles on his Web site criticizing the government's response to the massive May 2008 earthquake that struck Sichuan province, killing about 90,000 people. Huang had also spoken to foreign media outlets about parent's criticisms that their children had been crushed in badly built schools, complaints the government has attempted to squelch.

US sailor cleared of assaulting Sydney prostitute

SYDNEY (AP)—A U.S. Navy serviceman was found not guilty Monday of sexually assaulting a prostitute at a brothel while on shore leave in Australia's biggest city. A New South Wales District Court jury cleared Petty Officer Timothy Davis, 25, of a charge of sexual intercourse without consent, with the aggravating factor of causing the woman actual bodily harm. The charge carries a sentence of up to 20 years in prison. Davis was one of 3,000 Marines and Navy personnel on shore leave in Sydney after the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu and guided missile destroyer USS Halsey arrived in the port in October, 2008.

World

Israeli aircraft strike Gaza targets

JERUSALEM (AP)—Israeli aircraft attacked two suspected weapons-making factories and a smuggling tunnel in the Gaza Strip early Sunday in what the military said was retaliation for Palestinian rocket fire into southern Israel.

The airstrikes, which wounded at least seven people—including one seriously—came despite an announcement by Gaza's Hamas rulers that the territory's military factions had all agreed to stop firing rockets. The Hamas announcement came late Saturday, after the rocket attack.

Hamas' interior minister, Fathi Hamad, said the proclaimed halt in rocket fire was designed to prevent Israeli retaliation and provide stability for Gaza, which continues to suffer from the aftermath of a massive Israeli military offensive in December and January.

The offensive killed some 1,400 Palestinians, according to U.N. and Palestinian estimates, and damaged or destroyed thousands of homes. Thirteen Israelis also were killed. Most of the damage in Gaza has not been repaired due to an Israeli blockade that has prevented construction materials from entering the territory.

Israel said it launched the offensive to crush Palestinian rocket squads, who had severely disrupted life in southern Israel for years. While Hamas has all but halted its own rocket fire, smaller militant groups have continued to launch attacks, though the number of attacks has decreased dramatically.

On Sunday, Islamic Jihad, a smaller faction responsible for much of the rocket fire, said there is "no formal truce," but confirmed it would temporarily stop its attacks.

Iraq PM ramps up attacks on Baathists before vote

BAGHDAD (AP)—A stepped-up campaign by Iraq's prime minister against Saddam Hussein loyalists is alienating Sunni Muslims and stoking tensions between them and the majority Shiites ahead of key national elections.

In its latest anti-Baathist attack, Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's Shiite-dominated government put three men on state television Sunday to confess their alleged role in planning suicide attacks in Baghdad last month. The three, all in detention and dressed in orange prison jumpsuits, said the bombings were ordered by Saddam's Baath Party.

Al-Maliki's intensified rhetoric worsens one of Iraq's most dangerous sectarian fault lines—one which the United States has long struggled to calm.

Reconciliation between Sunnis and Shiites has been an elusive goal, seen as critical for Iraqi's stability—and it takes on added urgency with American forces now scheduled to leave Iraq by the end of 2011. Many fear that without U.S. troops, sectarian and ethnic rifts could re-ignite into violence.

Al-Maliki and his fellow Shiite politicians have repeatedly warned in recent weeks against what they contend is a plot by members of the Baath Party to return to power, with what some suggest is the help of Sunni-ruled Arab nations.

He has vowed to do everything in his power to stop Baath Party loyalists from running in the upcoming parliamentary election. He has also insisted that Baathists, a term widely taken to mean Sunni Arabs, worked with al-Qaida to carry out massive suicide bombings targeting government buildings in Baghdad that killed at least 255 people in August and October.

Iran begins war games to protect nuclear sites

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—Iran on Sunday began large-scale air defense war games aimed at protecting its nuclear facilities from attack, state TV reported, as an air force commander boasted the country could deter any military strike by Israel.

It said the five-day drill will cover an area a third of the size of Iran and spread across the central, western and southern parts of the country.

Gen. Ahmad Mighani, head of an air force unit in charge of responding to threats to Iran's air space, said Saturday the war games would cover regions where Iran's nuclear facilities are located.

The drill involves Iran's elite Revolutionary Guard, the paramilitary Basij forces affiliated with the Guard as well as army units.

The United States and its European allies accuse Iran of embarking on a nuclear weapons program. Iran denies the charge and insists the program is only for peaceful purposes.

Israel has not ruled out military action to stop Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.

The commander of the Guard's air force, Gen. Amir Ali Hajizadeh, meanwhile sought on Sunday to play down the significance of Israel's threats against his country, saying they amounted to psychological warfare.

WORLD BRIEFS

Pope and Anglican leader agree on closer relations

VATICAN CITY (AP)—After offering a home in his church to disaffected Anglicans, Pope Benedict XVI assured the archbishop of Canterbury on Saturday that he is still committed to seeking closer relations between Catholics and Anglicans. Archbishop Rowan Williams said he came away convinced there was no "dawn raid" on his church by Rome, telling Vatican Radio he wishes "every blessing" for those who want to become Catholics. Williams and Benedict met privately for 20 minutes in what the Vatican called "cordial discussions," as part of what has clearly been a difficult visit by the Anglican leader.

Egypt's media stoked soccer fan anger with Algeria

CAIRO (AP)—Angry soccer fans rampaged through a posh diplomatic neighborhood in Cairo over the weekend, smashing shop windows and shouting obscenities in a frenzy fed by venomous headlines that portrayed Algerians as barbaric terrorists with a history of violence. Egyptians were infuriated by media reports alleging their fans were brutalized by their Algerian rivals after Algeria won a playoff match Wednesday in Khartoum, Sudan, to qualify for the 2010 World Cup. Egypt's government—often bemoaned by its people as repressive and indifferent to their suffering under searing poverty—appears to have seized on the furor to demonstrate some unity with its citizens. Instead of the usual crackdown on demonstrations, authorities allowed crowds to surge into the streets near the Algerian Embassy and vent their anger in riots overnight between Thursday and Friday.

Denmark: 65 world leaders for UN climate summit

COPENHAGEN (AP)—Sixty-five world leaders have said they will attend the Copenhagen climate summit in December, and several more have responded positively to invitations, Danish officials said Sunday. But the world's top three carbon polluters—the United States, China and India—have not indicated whether their leaders will attend the meeting, and that could have a big impact on its chances of reaching a deal. The nations that plan to send their leaders to Copenhagen include Australia, Brazil, France, Germany, Indonesia, Japan, Spain and the United Kingdom, a Danish official said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he is not an official spokesman.

Overdrive

MERCEDES-BENZ S400

A hybrid that's more about style than environment

AP

The automatic everything, fine wood-paneled, rich-by-design 2010 Mercedes-Benz S400 Hybrid is a car that comes with class and environmental credentials.

By WARREN BROWN
THE WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—"Fuel efficiency" and "fuel economy" are relative terms. One speaks to the amount of work done per unit of fuel consumed. The other considers the amount and cost of fuel used per mile traveled.

To many of us, the terms are interchangeable. But meaning and truth are more nuanced.

Which is more fuel efficient?

Is it the tiny Smart Fortwo, which weighs 2,315 pounds and gets a combined city-highway mileage of 36 miles per gallon with a 1-liter, 3-cylinder 70-horsepower engine sipping required premium gasoline along the way?

Or, is it this subject automobile—the 2010 Mercedes-Benz S400 Hybrid, a nearly 2 1/2-ton luxury tank, replete with all of the comforts and conveniences of the modern, high-end car, that has seats for five people and a trunk big enough to carry all of their stuff, that gets a combined 22.5 miles per gallon with a gas-electric propulsion system yielding a maximum 295 horsepower, with the gasoline part of that system also requiring premium fuel?

Daimler, which makes both cars, argues that the big S400 Hybrid is in many ways as fuel efficient, if not more so than the little Smart Fortwo.

The S400 Hybrid weighs more, carries more people and stuff, and has considerably more oomph than the Smart Fortwo. In short, the S400 Hybrid does more work than the Smart Fortwo. Getting 22.5 miles per gallon, under the circumstance, is a pretty good deal.

The Smart Fortwo, which starts at $11,900 and gets 36 miles per gallon, is more economical than the S400 Hybrid, which starts at $87,950. But is the Smart Fortwo really more fuel efficient? It is less than half the weight of the S400 Hybrid, which weighs 4,815 pounds. It carries two people and very little of their stuff. It has substantially less horsepower. It requires the same grade of fuel as the S400 Hybrid. It is substantially less comfortable to drive. Yet, the Smart Fortwo beats the highway mileage of the S400 Hybrid by 13.5 miles per gallon.

Which is more fuel efficient?

Had I the money, I'd happily take the fluffed and tufted, automatic everything, fine wood-paneled, rich-by-design S400 Hybrid, a car that comes with class and environmental credentials. It is what the affluent world is coming to.

The S400 Hybrid is a beautiful car in terms of craftsmanship and overall performance. And it has bragging rights in that it's one of the first gasoline-electrics to use advanced lithium ion batteries instead of the heavier, less-efficient, nickel metal hydride and advanced lead-acid batteries commonly used in today's hybrid and all-electric cars. It's green for those with lots of green. Beyond that, I'd rather drive a diesel.

NUTS & BOLTS

BY WARREN BROWN
THE WASHINGTON POST

THE BOTTOM LINE
The 2010 Mercedes-Benz S400 Hybrid is more of a fashion statement than it is an environmental, conservation or performance statement. Equally good fuel economy, with emissions low enough to meet the tough air quality standards of the California Air Resources Board, can be had through the company's advanced diesel offerings, such as the E320 BlueTec sedan.

COMPLAINTS
Enough said.

RIDE, ACCELERATION AND HANDLING
Excellent in all three.

HEAD-TURNING QUOTIENT
It's an S-Class Mercedes-Benz, the Donald Trump of automobiles. It's hard to ignore.

BODY STYLE/LAYOUT
The 2010 Mercedes-Benz S400 Hybrid is a full-size, front engine with electric motor assistance, four-door luxury sedan with a traditional notchback trunk.

PROPULSION SYSTEM
A 3.5-liter V-6 engine is mated with a 15-kilowatt permanent magnet motor system, powered by a lithium-ion battery, to yield the equivalent of 295 horsepower at 6,000 rotations per minute and 284 foot-pounds of torque at 2,800 rotations per minute. The propulsion system is linked to a seven-speed automatic transmission. A starter/generator is used in support of automatic engine stop/start to improve fuel economy in stop-and-go city driving.

CAPACITIES
There are seats for five. Maximum luggage capacity is 16.4 cubic feet. The fuel tank holds 23.8 gallons of required premium gasoline.

MILEAGE
You get 19 miles per gallon city, 26 miles per gallon highway for a combined city-highway average of 22.5 miles per gallon.

SAFETY
Standard equipment includes front and rear ventilated disc brakes with antilock control; electronic brake force distribution; electronic stability and traction control; a patented pre-safe system designed to maximize occupant safety in the event of a crash; side and head air bags.

PRICE
The 2010 Mercedes-Benz S400 Hybrid starts at $87,950 with a dealer's invoice of $81,794. Price as tested is $96,195, including $7,370 in options and a $875 destination charge. Dealer's price as tested is $89,524. Prices are sourced from Mercedes-Benz and Edmunds.Com.

Death & Funeral Announcement

JUAN MANGLONA BARCINAS

Fondly known as **"TANG or IKU"**
of Songsong Village, Rota
was called to his eternal rest on Wednesday,
November 18, 2009 at the age of 75.

In his death he now joins his:
Parents: †Elena Manglona Ramos and †Manuel Castro Ramos
†Juan Blanco Barcinas
Parents-In-Law: †Josepha Delacruz Atalig and †Vicente Mendiola Atalig
Daughter: †Rosita Atalig Barcinas
Daughter-In-Law: †Barbara Ayuyu Barcinas
Grand Daughter: †Terry Marie Barcinas Manglona
Sister: †Maria Ramos Catubay
Brothers/Sisters-In-Law: †Donicio Ch. Cabrera
†Bernadita Atalig Manglona

His memory will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Teresita Dela Cruz Atalig Barcinas

Children: Danny A. Atalig/Vivian O. Hocog {Catherina;Ryan(Frances);Darcy; Serita(Owen)}
Frederick A./Natividad O. Barcinas {Erica (Glenn Maratita); Fred (Angeline); Frederick; Donna (Joel Hocog); Eva (Terrence Taisacan); Ariana; J.J.}
Eric A. Barcinas/Roan Flor {Anthony; George (Deseriee); Eric; Vincent John; Errol; Erinelle; Ezra Jon}
Josepha B./Raimundo C. Manglona {Johanna Fern (Tano Calvo); Christopher Fred; Rhea (Cass Castro); Chloe}
Juan A./Berlinda Barcinas {John Jr.; Jeb; Jamil; Jacques}
Lorenzo A. Barcinas
Nacrina B./Crispin M. Ayuyu {Nathan(Kim); Norma Mae; Shelane (Max Muna); Shevon (Jovan Charfauros)}
Julita B./Fortunato C. Manglona {Nadia(Clifford Ogo); Nathania (Roy Duenas); Fortunato Jr.}
Andrew A./Rowena M. Barcinas {Sirr; Amron Jo}
Randolph A./Marla Ann M. Barcinas {Mariah; Randee-Jo; Mardee-Ann}

Reared Children: Akio and Kumiko Furukawa
God Children: Juan M. Taisacan / Juan B. Quitugua / Vincent A. Manglona / Joycelyn A. Hocog / Jose C. Hocog / Jose T. Ayuyu

Brothers/Sisters and Spouses:
Esperanza/Manuel Chong (Guam)
Andres M./Rita A. Ramos (Guam)
Casimira Manglona Ramos
Rosario R./Robert O. Hocog (Virginia, WA)
Antonio Ch./Victorina T. Barcinas
Amanda B./Jesus Manglona
Antonia O. Raynolds
Magdalena B./Joaquin San Nicolas (Tinian)
Sabina B./Sylvestre Mendiola (Tinian)
Ignacio/Anuncia Barcinas (Tinian)
Antonio/Jeaneth Barcinas (Tinian)
Juan/Yolanda Barcinas (Tinian)

Brothers/Sisters-In-Law and Spouses:
Antonio Dlc./Maria S. Atalig
Prudencio T. Manglona
Dolores A. Cabrera (Nevada)
Vinancio Dlc./Maria Q. Atalig (Guam)
Baltazar Dlc./Dolores C. Atalig (Guam)
Blas Dlc./Mariquita Atalig (Guam)

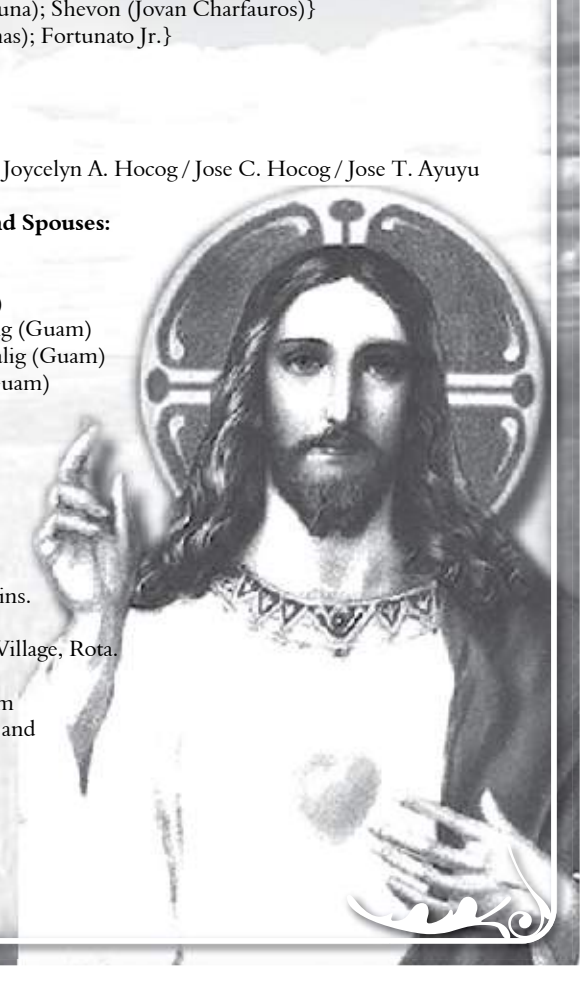
His memory will also live in the hearts of numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Rosary is being said every evening at **7:00 p.m.** at their residence in Songsong Village, Rota.

On **Wednesday**, **November 25, 2009** our beloved †**Juan** will be escorted from Rota Health Center Morgue at **7:00 a.m.** to our residence for responso, rosary and viewing. At **10:30 a.m.** his remains will be escorted to San Francisco De Borja Church for the mass of Christian burial at **11:00 a.m.**

Please join us in prayers. Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase.

Teresita A. Barcinas and Family



DEATH AND FUNERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

NAPUTI
Enrique and Corina

July 16, 1983 – February 8, 2008 died November 20, 2009

Predeceased by:

Grandparents: Enrique O. & Sarah H. Naputi
Uncles and Auties: Consolacion H. Naputi, Francisco H. Naputi, Vicente H. Naputi, Juanita H. Naputi

They will forever be missed by:

Wife / Mother: Kollin S. De Leon Guerrero
Daughter & Sister: Dolores DLG Naputi
Reared Parents: Antonio H. & Maria D. Naputi
Reared Brothers & Sisters & In-Law & Children:
Gerard & Grace Naputi
Melva Duenas / Raymond Sablan (Rayton, Ryan, Raechel)
Rufina Palacios (Paulin, Wayne, Francisca)
Joseph Palacios / Evelyn Celis (Emy Ann, Boboy, Alan & Aviann)
Henry Palacios / Jessica Lizama & Children
Parents: Mike Naputi & Barbara Borja
Sisters and Brothers In-Law & Children:
Sarah Mabel Borja Naputi & Ben Taitano (Shanalyn, Benjamin Jr., Enrique Jose, Isabel, Bernard & Carmen)
Sylverina Ida Borja Naputi & Robert Taitano (Clayton, Fatima, Francisco, Rubet, Tristan)
Carmina Borja Naputi & Matthew Rosario (Jessrae)
Mother In-Law: Christine S. Cruz
Sisters In-Law & Children: Kelani DL Guerrero (Jessabel, Jazmine), Chasidy Cruz (Coby)
Uncles & Aunties:
Jose & Nara Naputi, Maria N. Saralu & Jun, Isabel N. Dudley,
Rosa N. & Ambrose Ayuyu, Bernadita Naputi (Angel), Lucia Naputi & Jun
Reared Uncles & Aunties:
Nieves Villapando, Alice D. & Frank Tudela, Barbara F. Duenas, Tom F. Duenas,
Patricia D. Hocog, Mr. & Mrs. William F. Duenas, Juan F. & Glenda Duenas,
Lourdes F. Duenas, Joseph F. & Ninette D., Mr. & Mrs. Nobert F. Duenas,
Raymond F. & Joy Duenas, Martin F. & Manette, Jessica F. Duenas,
Annette D. & Joe Camacho

They will be forever be missed by their numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nephews, Nieces, and Cousins.

Nightly Mass is being held at 6:00 p.m. from November 21st thru 27th, 2009 followed by Rosary at San Vicente Church.

On November 28, 2009, Saturday, remains will be escorted from CHC Chapel at 8:00 am and will depart at Chalan Kanoa Cathedral Church at 8:30 am, Holy Rosary will follow. Viewing will start at 9:00 am followed by the mass at 1:00 pm. Interment service will be in Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your thoughts, prayers and presence are greatly appreciated.

Family

In Loving Memory of our beloved

Elena "Irene" Takai Camacho

Born on May 19, 1958 and called to eternal rest on November 22, 2009.

Predeceased by:

Father: †Leonardo Deleon Guerrero Camacho
Brother: †Lawrence T. Camacho
Grandparents: †Juan Campus/ †Soledad Deleon Guerrero Camacho and †Jose Duenas/ †Ana Lujan Takai
Uncles and Aunties: †Jose Deleon Guerrero Camacho, †Rosalia C. Flores, †Magdalena C. Benavente, †Jose L. Takai, and †Bobby Danford

Survived by:

Mother: Rita Takai Camacho
Daughter: Soledad Takai Camacho (Iyana)
Brothers/Sisters and In Laws:
Maria C. Arizala (Jerlisa, Jessica (Clarisa), Christopher)
Joanne T. Camacho (Sydney (Leoney and Cody), Steven/Caroline (Javin), Jaclyn, Nathan)
John T. Camacho &Stephanie Aulerio (Regina, Keoni, Zoranelle)
Joseph T. Camacho & Rose Gibbons (Jocelyn, Lawrence, Ria)
† Lawrence T. Camacho (Leonardo, Leisha)
William T. Camacho &Valerie S. Camacho (Kaliko, Shanice, Jesse)
Rodney T. Camacho & Carmen C. Camacho (Ronie Cherise)
Uncles and Aunties:
Marcelino Dlg. & Cecilia T. Camacho, Francisco Dlg. & Victoria B. Camacho, Margarita C. Sablan
Carlos L. & Trinidad T. Takai, Rufina Takai, Oscar L. & Sinforosa C. Takai, Salvador L. & Remedio A. Takai, Eleuterio L. & Magdalena L. Takai, Juan L. & Rosie F. Takai, Ramon L.& Juanita I. Takai, Dolore T. & Gregorio Arriola, Mathida L. Takai, Pablo L. Takai, Dorothea T. Danford

Morning Mass is being offered at 6am at Kristo Rai Church.

Un Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Maase. Thank you for your prayers.

Ginen I Familia

Life & Style

Filipino is top CNN Hero in annual tribute

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Kate Hudson, Pierce Brosnan, Neil Patrick Harris and other stars who are used to getting applause were giving it gladly at a ceremony honoring people who make a difference in the lives of others.

"I've cried twice and we're on hero three," Harris said backstage after introducing one of the 10 "CNN Heroes" celebrated Saturday by the TV news network for their efforts to fight poverty, disease and other problems.

"There are so many awards shows every year for the Hollywood community that participating in something as effective as this makes those others feel inconsequential" and provides perspective, said Harris, star of CBS' "How I Met Your Mother" and recent Emmy Awards host.

Penaflorida

The top CNN Hero of the Year and a grant of $100,000 went to a young man who embraced education for himself and other Filipinos as an escape from poverty. He and the other honorees received $25,000 each.

As a child, Efren Penaflorida picked school over gang life in Cavite City and vowed to create a way for other children to make the same choice. He created a program that brings books to children in slums and on the streets, and the 10,000 members of his Dynamic Teen Co. have brought reading, writing and hygiene to 1,500 youngsters.

"My message to children of all races, please, to embrace learning and love it for it will embrace and love you back and enable you to change your world," said Penaflorida, now a 21-year-old college graduate.

"Each person has a hidden hero within, just have to look inside you and search it in your heart and be the hero the next one in need," he said in accepting the top honor.

Brosnan, honoring a woman who started an anti-breast cancer project, created one of the evening's most emotional moments as he recalled his late wife's failed battle against the disease. She was a "magnificent mother, a wonderful actor," he said of Cassandra Harris, who died of ovarian cancer in 1991.

"There are too many of us who have lost someone to this brutal disease called cancer, and we are all sick and tired of cancer winning," he said in introducing breast cancer survivor Andrea Ivory, who runs a mobile mammography project in Miami that provides free screenings.

The pair posed backstage for photos, Ivory glamorous in a gown with an oversized pink bow—symbolic of the ribbons that mark the breast cancer battle.

"Stunning," Brosnan said, smiling broadly as cameras focused on her.

"You make me nervous," Ivory replied, but Brosnan would have none of it. "You're the star," he said.

CNN anchor Anderson Cooper hosted the Kodak Theatre ceremony that was attended by about 4,000 people and will air on CNN at 9 p.m. EST Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, and on CNN International and CNN en Espanol.

Leona Lewis, Carrie Underwood and Maxwell performed, and other presenters included Nicole Kidman and George Lopez.

The awards show, which is unusual for a TV news network, was created in 2007 after CNN producers and correspondents talked about meeting many unsung heroes, said Jim Walton, president of CNN Worldwide.

"We do something that's not done—shine a light on everyday people that do extraordinary work," Walton said before the event.

The 10 finalists were selected from more than 9,000 submissions by a panel that included former Secretary of State Colin Powell, Whoopi Goldberg and Ted Turner. The winner was chosen online by the public, with nearly 3 million votes cast.

Others honored Saturday were:

■ Brad Blauser, Dallas and Baghdad, who started a wheelchair distribution program for Iraqi children.

■ Roy Foster, West Palm Beach, Fla., an Army veteran who helps veterans battling addiction and homelessness.

■ Doc Hendley, Boone, N.C., a bartender who raises money to fund clean-water initiatives worldwide.

■ Betty Makoni, Essex, England, founder of an organization for young victims of sexual abuse.

■ Jorge Munoz, Queens, N.Y., a school bus driver who helps feed the hungry.

■ Budi Soehardi, Singapore, founder of a children's home in one of the poorest areas of Indonesia.

■ Derrick Tabb, New Orleans, founder of a free music education program for young people in his city.

■ Jordan Thomas, Chattanooga, Tenn., who lost his legs in a boating accident and raises money to buy prosthetics for needy children.

Michael Jackson wins four at AMAs; Swift is top artist

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Michael Jackson was made history by winning four American Music Awards on Sunday night, but he couldn't beat Taylor Swift as the year's favorite artist and the evening's top winner.

The 19-year-old took the evening's top award, giving Jackson his only loss of the night, and five trophies in all.

The victories came during a performance-filled show that closed with an S&M-themed, sexually charged performance by Adam Lambert (his performance included him shoving a male dancer's face in his crotch).

Jackson's trophies were accepted by his brother Jermaine, who paid tribute to his late brother by wearing glittery white glove. He accepted two of his brother's awards, thanking "Allah for blessing my entire family" and naming each of his brothers and sisters.

He said Michael's message is more important than any award.

"The message that Michael had will live on forever," he said. "He saw good in everyone and he wanted everyone to do good. He always started with love."

Jackson was named favorite male artist in the pop/rock and soul/R&B categories. His 2003 greatest-hits album, "Number Ones," also won favorite album in both categories.

Jackson's victories were among the highlights of the evening, which also featured a jaw-dropping performance from Lady Gaga and a special award for Whitney Houston.

Lady Gaga, wearing a Vulcan-inspired headdress and vest filled with lights, performed songs from her new album, "The Fame Monster," due in stores next week. She used her microphone to break into a glass case where a grand piano stood. It caught fire when she sat down to play.

The American Music Awards honor the year's top-selling artists in eight popular genres. But even more than awards, the AMAs are about performances, and they came back to back to back Sunday.

The Black Eyed Peas, voted favorite pop/rock band, energized the crowd when they performed two of the year's most popular hits: "I Got A Feeling" and "Boom Boom Pow."

Dancers wearing outfits made from stereo speakers shared the stage with Fergie, Taboo, apl.de.ap and will.i.am, who wore a pompadour wig. The high-energy medley melted into a Nirvana sample at the end, with will.i.am rocking on guitar.

AP

Artist Jermaine Jackson accepts Michael Jackson's award for Pop/Rock Music Favorite Male Artist onstage at the 37th Annual American Music Awards on Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, in Los Angeles.

Rihanna returned to the AMA stage Sunday, sporting blonde hair, a skintight, white peek-a-boo bodysuit and a tattoo down the front of her neck that read "Rated R," the name of her new album, out next week.

Janet Jackson opened the show with a medley of some of the biggest hits from her long career - all tracks that appear on her new greatest-hits collection, also called "Number Ones."

Alicia Keys and Jay-Z dueted on their ode to New York City. Shakira was flanked by a dozen dancers in tiny black bodysuits as she sang her new single. Kelly Clarkson performed a stripped down version of her hit "Already Gone," backed by a string quartet.

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Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart
Thriller, Romance • Rated PG 13 T
Synopsis
In the second installment of Stephenie Meyer's phenomenally successful 'Twilight' series, the romance between mortal and vampire soars to a new level as Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) delves deeper into the mysteries of the supernatural world she yearns to become part of—only to find herself in greater peril than ever before. Following Bella's ill-fated 18th birthday party, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) and his family abandon the town of Forks, Washington, in an effort to protect her from the dangers inherent in their world.

The Blind Side
Friday 4:15 7:25 10:00
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:25 10:00
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:25
Tuesday 4:15 7:25
Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw
Drama, Biopic • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
The true story of Michael Oher, a homeless African-American youngster from a broken home, taken in by the Touhys, a well-to-do white family who help him fulfill his potential. At the same time, Oher's presence in the Touhys' lives leads them to some insightful self-discoveries of their own. Living in his new environment, the teen faces a completely different set of challenges to overcome. As a football player and student, Oher works hard and, with the help of his coaches and adopted family, becomes an All-American offensive left tackle.

Planet 51
Friday 4:20 7:20 9:35
Saturday 1:30 4:20 7:20 9:35
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Gary Oldman, Jessica Biel
Comedy, Adventure • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
American astronaut Captain Charles "Chuck" Baker, lands on Planet 51 thinking he's the first person to step foot on it. To his surprise, he finds that this planet is inhabited by little green people who are happily living in a white picket fence world reminiscent of a cheerfully innocent 1950s America, and whose only fear is that it will be overrun by alien invaders--like Chuck! With the help of his robot companion "Rover" and his new friend Lem, Chuck must navigate his way through the dazzling, but bewildering, landscape of Planet 51 in order to escape becoming a permanent part of the Planet 51 Alien Invaders Space Museum.

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John Cusack, Amanda Peet
Action, Thriller • Rated PG 13

The Fourth Kind
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Saturday 1:10 4:30 7:10 9:40
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Milla Jovovich, Will Patton
Thriller • Rated PG 13

A Christmas Carol
Friday 4:25 7:15 9:30
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:15 9:30
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Jim Carrey, Robin Wright Penn
Adventure, Fantasy • Rated PG

The Box
Friday 4:10 7:30 9:50
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Sunday 1:20 4:10 7:30
Tuesday 4:10 7:30
Cameron Diaz, James Marsden
Thriller, Horror • Rated PG 13
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'New Moon' takes record $72.7M box office bite

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Vampires and werewolves have vanquished a dark knight. "The Twilight Saga: New Moon" took in $72.7 million in its first day to break the single day domestic box office record previously held by "The Dark Knight," which had a $67.2 million opening day last year.

The Friday haul for the "Twilight" sequel includes a record $26.3 million from midnight screenings alone.

If "New Moon" maintains its pace, it might have a shot at the all-time best opening weekend record of $158.4 million, also held by "The Dark Knight."

"New Moon" continues the story of teen romance between a girl and a vampire (Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson), with the sequel adding a love triangle with a teen werewolf (Taylor Lautner).

AP

In this film publicity image released by Concorde, Kristen Stewart, left, and Taylor Lautner are shown in a scene from, "The Twilight Saga: New Moon."

Sheryl Crow takes up cause of wild horses in West

RENO, Nev. (AP)—Sheryl Crow is joining others in calling on the federal government to halt roundups of wild horses in the West, branding them as inhumane and unnecessary.

The Grammy Award-winning singer has asked President Barack Obama and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar to scrap a proposed roundup of 2,500 mustangs in northern Nevada.

"With one voice we are insisting that our government stop managing these beautiful and important animals to extinction," Crow said in a statement released by the Cloud Foundation, a Colorado Springs, Colo.-based horse advocacy group.

Crow, who has adopted a mustang, campaigned for Obama last year. She opposes Salazar's plan to move thousands of wild horses to preserves in the Midwest and East to protect horse herds and the rangelands that support them.

"It's time for all of us to speak up for our wild horses and burros so we do not lose these living legends and inspiring symbols of our freedom in America," she said.

U.S. Bureau of Land Management officials said they plan to remove 11,500 wild horses and burros from the range over each of the next three years because booming numbers of the animals are damaging the range.

The agency has set a target "appropriate management level" of 26,600 of the animals in the wild, about 10,000 below the current level. An additional 32,000 of them are cared for in government-funded holding facilities.

"Wild horses have an important place on the landscape, but we have to balance that with other uses," BLM spokeswoman Celia Boddington said Saturday. "We have to ensure that the long-term health of the landscape is able to support all these multiple uses."

In a letter sent to Obama and Salazar earlier this week, Crow and actors Ed Harris and Wendie Malick, along with Madeleine Pickens, the wife of oil tycoon T. Boone Pickens, and more than 100 other groups questioned the BLM's horse numbers and said there may be only 15,000 mustangs remaining on public lands.

The BLM has received more than 7,000 public comments concerning its plans to remove 2,500 mustangs near Nevada's Black Rock Desert this winter. Nevada is home to about half of all wild horses.

Salazar has said his plan unveiled last month would avoid the slaughter of some of the 69,000 wild horses and burros under federal control to halt the soaring costs of maintaining them.

Bulls escape on set of film starring Cruise and Diaz

MADRID (AP)—Seven bulls being used on the set of a film starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz have broken free in Spain and slightly injured two people.

Cruise and Diaz were not at Sunday's rehearsal. The actors are scheduled to arrive in the city of Cadiz in southwest Spain for the filming of the "Knight & Day" movie next weekend.

Two unidentified women were slightly injured by the bulls as they broke free from the downtown location and ran through streets to a nearby beach. It was not immediately clear if the women had anything to do with the film.

Movie director Jose Luis Escolar told reporters he doesn't know how the bulls escaped. Filming in Cadiz was to begin Monday, but local government spokesman Ignacio Romani says it has now been suspended until further notice.

ENTERTAINMENT TIDBITS

"Going Rogue" is going big

NEW YORK (AP)—"Going Rogue" is going big. Publisher HarperCollins said Friday that Sarah Palin's memoir sold 300,000 copies its first day, among the best openings ever for a nonfiction book. In 2004, Bill Clinton's "My Life" debuted with sales of 400,000 copies. The year before, Hillary Rodham Clinton's "Living History" started at 200,000. "Going Rogue" was released this week and its print run already has been increased from 1.5 million copies to 2.5 million, HarperCollins announced Friday. Palin, the former Alaska governor and GOP vice presidential candidate, is in the midst of a nationwide promotional tour.

German auction house pulls disputed painting

BERLIN (AP)—A German auction house says it has withdrawn from sale a painting that the Max Stern estate claims was one of hundreds the Jewish art dealer was forced to sell off by the Nazis. Karl-Sax Feddersen, responsible for legal affairs at the Duesseldorf-based Lempertz auction house, said the picture by Alexander Adriaenssen had been pulled from Saturday's sale and its owner notified. He said the painting is valued at euro4,000 to euro5,000. Feddersen said the painting's owner must decide how to go forward with restitution talks, but the auction house is "ready to facilitate negotiations." The estate claims it is one of some 400 works from Stern's collection sold under duress between 1935 and 1937. It is working to recover all of them.

Rare Charles Darwin book found on toilet bookshelf

LONDON (AP)—An auction house says it is selling a rare first edition of Charles Darwin's "On the Origin of Species" found in a family's guest lavatory in southern England. Christie's auction house said Sunday the book—one of around 1,250 copies first printed in 1859—had been on a toilet bookshelf at a family's home in Oxford. The book will be auctioned on Tuesday, the 150th anniversary of the publication of the famous work. Christie's said the book is likely to sell for 60,000 pounds ($99,000). Darwin's "The Origin of Species" outlined his theory of natural selection, the foundation for the modern understanding of evolution. Celebrations around the world this year have marked the 200th anniversary of Darwin's birth.

Tween Justin Bieber fans lose control at NY mall

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. (AP)—New York police shut down a mall appearance by teen pop singer Justin Bieber after thousands of young girls showed up and got a little too wild. Nassau County police say girls and adults in the crowd of nearly 3,000 started pushing and shoving as they waited for the 15-year-old sensation to arrive Friday at the Roosevelt Field Mall in Garden City. Five people were taken to hospitals with minor injuries. Police arrested a vice president from Bieber's record label, Island Def Jam Records. They say he wasn't cooperating with attempts to disperse the crowd. Some fans had camped out overnight for the event. Bieber never made it into the building. He told WBLI radio that police turned him away. Bieber's debut album, "My World," was released Tuesday.

Animal-lovers blast grandma who abandoned children's pet

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
FROM UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in regard to the letter from "On the Fence in Nevada" (Sept. 11) (whose mother-in-law dumped her grandchildren's cat on the side of the road). I work as an animal safety officer for the sheriff's office, and I also volunteer for a local animal nonprofit.

There has been an increase in pet dumping as the economy has worsened. While the information you offered was accurate, there are many other reasons not to abandon an animal.

What "Loretta" did was illegal. It's called animal endangerment, animal abuse or animal abandonment. Because the cat did not belong to her, she could also have been brought up on charges of theft. Such charges can carry heavy fines and jail time.

"On the Fence" should know that there are local organizations that can help her brother-in-law by providing temporary foster care for his pet until he can get back on his feet. Their members are people who will want the cat in their home and who will love it and look after it.

DAWN IN COLORADO

DEAR DAWN: Thank you for pointing out that what Loretta did was illegal and that there are options for providing care for family pets. Readers were outraged and some went so far as suggesting that Loretta herself be dumped by the side of the road with no food, water or cell phone and left to find her way home. Read on:

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DEAR ABBY: That letter made my blood boil! I'm surprised that "Fence" needed to write for advice. She should never have stood silently by and let "Precious" be returned to her abuser. As you said, this was a virtual death sentence for Precious, and it was a miracle that she ended up in a shelter. The mother-in-law who watched the family hunt for the cat day after day has a sadistic streak a mile wide.

Abby, shelters across the nation are already overcrowded as a result of animals surrendered by their families because of the troubled economy. Precious stood little chance of being adopted and I am relieved her family located her.

FELINE FANCIER, ROYAL OAK, MICH.

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DEAR ABBY: I was shocked, appalled and horrified by the letter about Precious. How awful! I can't believe anyone with a conscience could do such a thing to an innocent creature. And to her own son and grandchildren!

How she could watch them search day in and day out, then watch them re-adopt their cat is beyond me. I hope she reads this and knows what a low-life I think she is. "On the Fence" should tell her brother-in-law what happened to keep such a thing from ever happening again.

HORRIFIED IN ILLINOIS

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DEAR ABBY: The family cat being dumped by the side of the road because the mother-in-law no longer wanted to take care of it is beyond inexcusable. It was flat-out mean-spirited. "Ray," his wife and their kids were already experiencing challenging times and Loretta not only created an unnecessary expense but added to the stress on the family.

Pets provide great calm and stability when our lives are in turmoil. If Loretta no longer wanted the responsibility of the pet, why didn't she make other arrangements, like boarding it in a kennel? If I was her husband, I would have left her on the side of the road and brought the cat home. The cat would have provided him with unconditional love, something it appears Loretta is incapable of feeling. What she did shows she doesn't value her relationship with her grandchildren.

JOHN IN ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.

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Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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I'VE BEEN TRAPPED ON THE CEILING! I COULDN'T DO MY HOMEWORK UP THERE! MY DESK IS ON THE FLOOR!
YOU SHOULD BE GLAD I WASN'T OUTSIDE WHEN IT HAPPENED, OR I'D BE SAILING THROUGH THE IONOSPHERE!
RIGHT. NOW I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY MORE NONSENSE UNTIL YOU'RE THROUGH WITH YOUR HOMEWORK, UNDERSTAND?
DON'T LET GO! DON'T LET GO!
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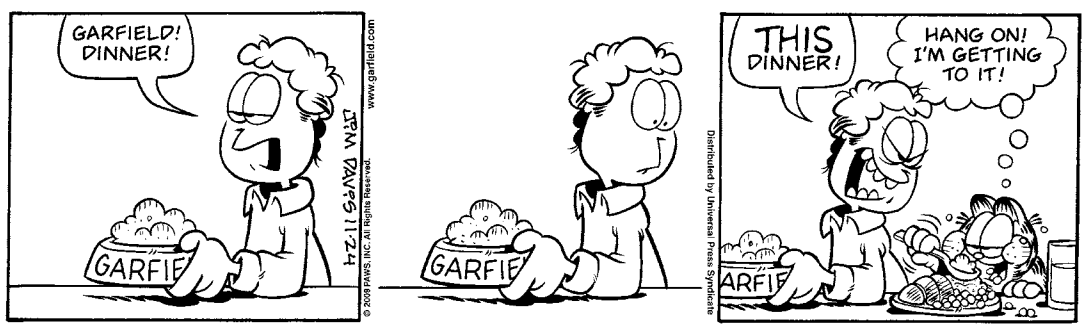
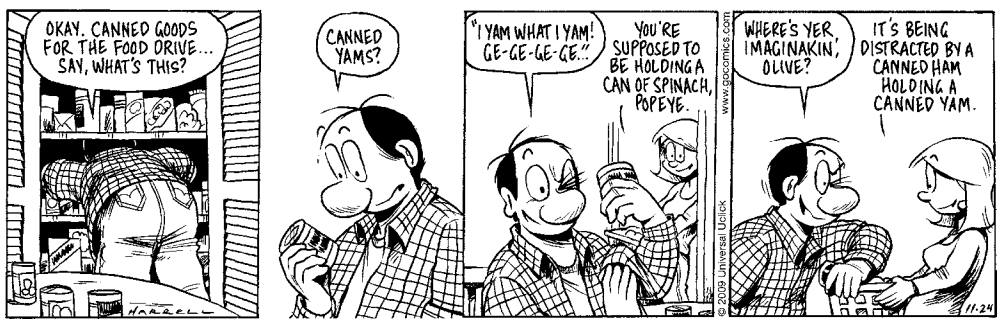
By Jim Davis



Adam@home

By Bryan Basset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CANNED YAMS?
"I YAM WHAT I YAM! GE-GE-GE-GE..."
YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE HOLDING A CAN OF SPINACH, POPEYE.
WHERE'S YER IMAGINAKIN', OLIVE?
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The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

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IT'S TAKING LONGER THAN I THOUGHT.
IT'S ALREADY BEEN FOUR MINUTES!
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By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Apartment
5 Uppercase letters
9 Skirt edge
12 Soda pop favorite
13 Chills and fever
14 Eggs
15 Small storage space
17 Morsel
18 Monarch
19 Black fur
21 Frequently
24 Grant of Hollywood
25 Heavy cart
26 Just looking
30 Brylcreem quantity
31 Rosary components
32 Vast expanse
33 Writ to appear in court
35 Celebrity
36 Part of MYOB
37 Failing the white-glove test
38 Bygone AMC car
40 Complain repeatedly
42 Greek H
43 Hair holders
48 Kitchen item
49 Hershiser of baseball fame
50 Appearance
51 Type squares
52 — a soul (nobody)
53 A deadly sin

DOWN
1 Radio watchdog org.
2 "Skip to my —"
3 Priestly vestment
4 Q's neighbor, to a typist
5 Songwriter Sammy
6 Enthusiastic, plus
7 Afghani coin
8 Teetertotters
9 Collectors, often
10 Satan's specialty
11 Partner
16 Yang counterpart
20 "— Poetica"
21 Toteboard info
22 Herr's spouse
23 Toms' companions
24 Last several notes
26 Tailgate party essential
27 Skedaddled
28 Spruced up
29 Oldman or Sinise
31 Kentucky potable
34 "The Raven" writer
35 Limber
37 Parched
38 Cartoon skunk Le Pew
39 Tiny bit
40 Trucker with a radio
41 With skill
44 "... man — mouse?"
45 Charged particle
46 Thanksgiving time (Abbr.)
47 Firmament

Solution time: 21 mins.

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Yesterday's answer 11-24

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): It's your Aries speed, constant motion and reluctance to stop that will enable you to excel. Don't give anyone, including those in charge, the chance to ponder what you are doing until you are finished and satisfied with the results. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Consider how you can please the people you care about. You will be inclined to spend a little more than you probably should but, if you set a budget first, you will have a better chance of sticking to what you can afford. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): You will be exuberant about the things you want to do but, if you go at it too aggressively, you will face opposition that will slow you down or stifle your plans altogether. Be positive you can handle the heat before you put pressure on others. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Being positive, loving and willing to compromise will make all the difference. A journey that connects you to your past or someone you once knew will turn out to be a lesson. A change in your current responsibilities is evident. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Do whatever is required of you with passion, spirit and the desire to do the best you can. Volunteering your services will turn into a networking affair. A geographical change will help you out when it comes to job hunting. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Counting on someone else will be a letdown. Love is in the stars and an emotional issue can be dealt with quickly so you can move forward. There are changes to be made in your personal life. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): A unique encounter with someone you enjoy talking to will turn into a much bigger deal—adding options to your current plans. Consider what's happening at home and make the necessary adjustments. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Self-deception will be the enemy. Look beyond what is most apparent and ask yourself the tough questions regarding your feelings. Stop complaining and do something about the things that bother you. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): You know what's required of you and how to bend and compromise when necessary, so get your diplomatic personality working. Don't get involved in anything you don't have time for or you will do a poor job and face complaints. ✪✪✪✪

CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You will be expected to take on more than you want. Your personal papers will reveal something that needs to be taken care of before year's end. Secure your financial position and don't let anyone take advantage of you financially. ✪✪✪

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AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Your confusion will show if you start to venture down the wrong path. Don't make a move without considering everyone involved and the circumstances you face. Someone is likely to be deceptive to get you to do something questionable. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Concentrate on doing things for others instead of making promises you have no intention of fulfilling. Assess your past relationships and consider why they didn't work. You may be just as much to blame as the people you have been involved with. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are bright and articulate. You are an adventurer, willing to explore different philosophies, traditions and beliefs.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★ 11/24

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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Colts beat Ravens 17-15 to go to 10-0

AP

Indianapolis Colts' Matt Stover celebrates his go-ahead fourth-quarter field goal during an NFL football game against the Baltimore Ravens, Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE (AP)—The undefeated Indianapolis Colts found yet another way to win a close game, beating the Baltimore Ravens 17-15 on Sunday to secure their 19th straight victory.

The win, secured on former Ravens kicker Matt Stover's go-ahead field goal, gave Indianapolis the second-longest streak in NFL history behind a 21-game run by the New England Patriots (2006-08).

Much to the dismay of the Ravens and their fans, Stover booted the decisive field goal with 7:02 left as the Colts improved to 10 consecutive wins this season. Colts linebacker Gary Brackett then intercepted Joe Flacco's pass at the Indianapolis 13 with 2:42 remaining, and the Colts kept the ball until the closing seconds.

Saints 38, Buccaneers 7

At Tampa, Florida, Drew Brees threw for three touchdowns as the Saints shrugged off a slow start defensively to remain unbeaten.

Robert Meacham caught touchdown passes of 4 and 6 yards in the first half, helping the Saints to their first 10-game winning streak in franchise history.

Eagles 24, Bears 20

At Chicago, Donovan McNabb threw for 244 yards and LeSean McCoy scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 10-yard run following Antonio Dixon's blocked field goal as Philadelphia edged struggling Chicago after back-to-back close losses.

The Bears were leading 20-17 when Dixon blocked a 48-yard field goal by Robbie Gould with 11 minutes left. McNabb then led the Eagles (6-4) on a 62-yard touchdown drive that McCoy capped with a neat 10-yard run, sending Chicago to its fifth loss in six games and delivering another big hit to its playoff hopes.

Chiefs 27, Steelers 24, OT

At Kansas City, Ryan Succop kicked a 22-yard field goal with 8:28 left in overtime after Chris Chambers' 61-yard catch-and-run as the Chiefs ended a team-record 10-game home losing streak.

Chargers 32, Broncos 3

At Englewood, Colorado, Philip Rivers led the Chargers into sole possession of first place in the AFC West division with a drubbing of the Broncos.

The Chargers have won five straight and the Broncos have dropped four in a row, turning the division race upside-down. Just five weeks ago, the Chargers trailed the Broncos by 3 1/2 games.

Raiders 20, Bengals 17

At Oakland, California, Bruce Gradkowski threw a 29-yard tying touchdown pass to Louis Murphy with 33 seconds left and Sebastian Janikowski kicked a 33-yard field goal after Andre Caldwell fumbled the ensuing kickoff.

Oakland rallied from an early 14-point deficit and trailed 17-10 with 2:06 left when Gradkowski took over at the 20-yard line.

Patriots 31, Jets 14

At Foxborough, Leigh Bodden had three of the four interceptions thrown by Mark Sanchez and the Patriots' defense allowed just one touchdown as they took a two-game lead in the AFC East and sent the Jetsto their sixth loss in seven games.

Vikings 35, Seahawks 9

At Minneapolis, Brett Favre completed a career-high 88 percent of his passes for 213 yards and four touchdown passes as the Vikings delivered their most complete performance of the season.

Favre completed 22 of his 25 throws for the Vikings (9-1). His previous career high was 85.2 percent against Detroit on Sept. 20. But he has only completed at least 80 percent two other times in his previous 18 seasons in the league.

Lions 38, Browns 37

At Detroit, An ailing Matthew Stafford threw his fifth touchdown pass from 1 yard to Brandon Pettigrew, and Jason Hanson's extra point with no time on the clock gave Detroit a thrilling win.

The Lions started the winning drive with 1:46 remaining and no timeouts. Stafford, the No. 1 pick in the NFL draft, did just enough to rally them for the win—helped hugely by the call that went against the Browns.

Giants 34, Falcons 31, OT

At East Rutherford, Eli Manning threw for a career-high 384 yards and three touchdown passes, including two to Kevin Boss, to help the Giants end a four-game skid coming off their bye week.

Cardinals 21, Rams 13

At St. Louis, Tim Hightower had 110 yards on 14 carries, the first 100-yard game of the season for a team ranked next to last in the NFL in rushing, helping the Cardinals win for the sixth time in seven games and go to 5-0 on the road.

Cowboys 7, Redskins 6

At Arlington, Texas, Tony Romo led a single scoring drive for the Cowboys, hitting Patrick Crayton for a 10-yard touchdown pass with 2:41 left to preserve first place in the NFC East.

Shaun Suisham put Washington ahead 6-0 with field goals of 45 and 31 yards. But he missed a 39-yard attempt shortly before halftime and a 50-yarder that would've made it 9-0 with 7:06 left. Suisham had been 13 of 13 this season before those misses.

Packers 30, 49ers 24

At Green Bay, Aaron Rodgers threw touchdowns to Greg Jennings and Jordy Nelson as the Packers held on after taking a 23-3 lead.

Jaguars 18, Bills 15

At Jacksonville, David Garrard's second game-winning drive in as many weeks gave the Jaguars their first three-game winning streak in nearly two years.

NFL BRIEFS

NFL to have teams work with neurologists

NEW YORK (AP)—NFL teams will soon be working with independent neurologists on concussion issues. Commissioner Roger Goodell will implement the policy as soon as details can be worked out. The neurologists will work with the teams' medical staffs. Goodell recently urged players to tell their teams' medical staffs if they think a teammate shows symptoms of a concussion. He and union director DeMaurice Smith also testified before Congress at hearings on football head injuries. The Associated Press this month conducted a survey of 160 NFL players—about 10 percent of the league—and 30 replied that they have hidden or played down the effects of a concussion. Told of the AP's findings, NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said in an e-mail to the news agency that Goodell spoke to Smith about "the importance of players reporting head injuries, no matter how minor they believe they might be. The commissioner said that process needs to include players observing and reporting to the team medical staff when a teammate shows symptoms of a concussion." The NFLPA said it opposes Goodell's suggestion that players tell medical staffs about possible head injuries to teammates. "The players want a uniform standard for clearance to return to play that is at the current state of medical knowledge," NFLPA assistant executive director George Atallah told the AP in an e-mail Sunday. "It should not vary from team to team.

Ravens' Edwards plans appeal of fine for roughness

OWINGS MILLS, Maryland (AP)—Baltimore Ravens defensive end Dwan Edwards plans to appeal the $5,000 fine he received for a hit delivered to Cleveland Browns wide receiver Joshua Cribbs on Monday. Edwards struck Cribbs with a forearm to the facemask on the final play of Baltimore's 16-0 win. Edwards said on Friday he will appeal in an effort "to get some of it back." He said the fine was levied because the hit came at a time when Cribbs "supposedly shouldn't have reasonably expected it." Cribbs spoke to Edwards on Tuesday and was convinced he wasn't trying to injure him. Earlier in the game, Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs was hurt on an illegal block by Browns quarterback Brady Quinn, who was fined $10,000 for unnecessary roughness. Pittsburgh linebacker James Harrison was fined $5,000 for unnecessary roughness when he struck Cincinnati tackle Andrew Whitworth late. Jacksonville defensive back Reggie Nelson was fined $7,500 for roughing New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez with a hit to the head area. Tennessee cornerback Cortland Finnegan was fined $10,000 for trying to tackle an opponent by grabbing the facemask and unnecessary roughness for hitting an opponent late. Linebacker Keith Bulluck was fined $7,500 for unnecessary roughness for using a horse collar in tackling a running back.

Grabow gets $7.5 million, 2-year deal from Cubs

CHICAGO (AP)—Pitcher John Grabow became the first of the 171 free agents to reach agreement on a new deal, getting a $7.5 million, two-year contract Friday from the Chicago Cubs.

The 31-year-old left-hander combined to go 3-0 with a 3.36 ERA last season in a career-high 75 relief appearances with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Cubs.

"I pretty much let everyone know before I left there that I wanted to come back. It's a good situation for me and my family," said Grabow, who said he has a house in Arizona where the Cubs conduct spring training.

Staying in the NL Central and being with a veteran club were also appealing for Grabow.

"It was kind of a no-brainer," he said.

He pitched 30 games and had a 3.24 ERA for the Cubs after he was acquired on July 30 along with left-hander Tom Gorzelanny for pitchers Jose Ascanio and Kevin Hart, and minor league infielder Josh Harrison.

Selected by the Pirates in the third round of the 1997 amateur draft, Grabow is 20-15 with six saves and a 4.03 ERA in 420 major league relief appearances with the Pirates and Cubs.

As one of the Cubs most experienced relievers, Grabow said he has no preference what his role might be.

"If it's the sixth inning or if it's the ninth inning, it doesn't matter. Your job is to go in there and get guys out," he said.

Grabow said he'd been pitching with bone chips in his elbow for about three years, but it hasn't been a major issue.

"Throwing a baseball for all these years your arm is going to develop different things that are just part of the wear and tear," he said. "It's something you learn to manage and I got a routine I do every day before the game starts to prepare my arm to be able to pitch that day."

Garnett's jumper gives Celtics OT win over Knicks

NEW YORK (AP)—Kevin Garnett made a jumper to beat the overtime buzzer, giving the Boston Celtics a 107-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday.

Paul Pierce scored a season-high 33 points, and had all of Boston's points in overtime until the final shot. Two Knicks followed Pierce on the final play, leaving Garnett wide open from the top of the key for his 19-footer.

Garnett and Ray Allen had miserable shooting nights, but Rajon Rondo finished with 14 points, 10 assists and nine rebounds as Boston won for the second time in five games.

Reserve Al Harrington scored 30 points and David Lee had 22 points and 15 rebounds for the Knicks, who had won their previous two games.

The Celtics opened a big lead and blew all of it in a see-saw third quarter, then rallied to force overtime and improve to 17-4 against the Knicks since the 2004-05 season.

Pierce opened overtime with a 3-pointer and his jumper later made it a four-point game, but Lee's dunk tied it again with 9.3 seconds left, setting up Garnett's winning shot.

The Celtics, whom coach Doc Rivers said had been playing "awful" recently, needed a big afternoon from Pierce while his remaining Big Three teammates struggled. Garnett was 4 of 15 for 10 points, while Allen was 3 of 13 for his 13 points.

Both made big shots late in regulation, though, and Kendrick Perkins chipped in with 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Nate Robinson rebounded from a poor decision Saturday with a strong game Sunday, scoring 19 points off the bench. The Knicks fell to 3-10 in the opener of consecutive games against the last two NBA champions. They start a three-game trip Tuesday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Perkins had two baskets and Pierce made a 3-pointer, forcing the Knicks to call timeout early in the third quarter. Rondo then stole the inbounds pass when they returned, setting up Pierce's free throws that capped a 11-0 run out of halftime and made it 67-53.

The Knicks had more passes into the seats (2) than baskets (1) in the first four minutes of the period, then suddenly turned it around as quickly as they'd fallen apart.

Harrington made three 3-pointers in a 20-6 surge that tied it at 75, Robinson made a 3 to snap a 77-all tie, and Harrington's follow shot made it 82-77 heading to the fourth.

New York led for nearly the entire period before Allen's 3-pointer gave Boston a 96-94 advantage with 2:47 left. Lee tied it again with 1:19 to play, but Garnett knocked down a jumper 12 seconds later.

The Knicks got the ball back following a couple of questionable calls and no-calls and tied it on Harrington's free throws with 4.7 seconds remaining. Rondo missed a 3-pointer as time expired.

Eddy Curry had six points in his first home game since March 2008. He received a decent ovation when he checked in with 3:32 left in the first quarter, then departed the game after shoving Rondo down and getting whistled for a flagrant foul with 5:21 remaining in the fourth.

Pierce scored 14 points in the first quarter, making all three 3-point attempts, as the Celtics built a 30-22 lead. Boston led 56-53 at halftime following a lengthy second period in which 15 fouls were called.

Robinson had only 11 points in three games since his return from sprained right ankle, going scoreless Saturday while playing just six minutes. His shot into the wrong basket just after the first-quarter buzzer, frequently replayed Saturday night, angered Mike D'Antoni, but the Knicks coach insisted Robinson hadn't been benched and that they were past it.

Heat 102, Hornets 101

At Miami, Dwyane Wade had 31 points, and Udonis Haslem hit a jumper with 15.4 seconds left to lift Miami.

Haslem finished with 14 points off the bench, including both field goals for the Heat in the final minute. He tied the game at 100-all with 45 seconds left and then, after Marcus Thornton put the Hornets ahead with a free throw, Haslem won it with a shot from the left side.

Thornton had 24 points and David West added 13 for New Orleans, which is still without injured point guard Chris Paul.

AP

Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett (5) shoots the winning basket to beat the New York Knicks 107-105 in overtime of an NBA basketball game Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009, in New York.

Lakers 101, Thunder 85

At Los Angeles, Kobe Bryant scored 26 points, including an astonishing basket from behind the backboard, as the defending NBA champion Lakers routed Oklahoma City.

The Lakers, who squeaked out a 101-98 overtime win at Oklahoma City on Nov. 3, had this one in control throughout with help from Andrew Bynum's 25 points and nine rebounds. Bryant also had seven assists and six rebounds.

Pau Gasol, playing his second game since coming back from a right hamstring strain, had 15 points, seven rebounds and six assists.

Kevin Durant led Oklahoma City with 19 points.

Bobcats 104, Pacers 88

At Charlotte, Nazr Mohammed scored 18 points, Boris Diaw added 17 and the Bobcats snapped a seven-game losing streak.

Rookie Derrick Brown scored a season-high 13 and Stephen Jackson added 10 in his first home game with Charlotte, helping the NBA's lowest-scoring team to its best offensive performance in weeks.

Dahntay Jones scored 19 points and Danny Granger had 18 for Indiana, which has lost three straight following a five-game winning streak.

Magic 104, Raptors 96

At Toronto, Vince Carter scored 24 points, while Dwight Howard had 17 points and 12 rebounds as Orlando won its fifth straight.

J.J. Redick had 19 points, Jason Williams had 16 and Rashard Lewis added 11 for the Magic, who have won eight of 10.

Chris Bosh scored 22 points, Jose Calderon had 16 and Hedo Turkoglu scored 12 for Toronto, which has lost four of five. The Raptors are 4-2 at home this season, with both defeats coming against the Magic.

Suns 117, Pistons 91

At Phoenix, Amare Stoudemire scored 21 points and Steve Nash added 20, then sat out the fourth quarter to watch the Suns hand road-weary Detroit its fifth straight loss.

Nash made 7 of 8 shots and had nine assists. Jason Richardson scored 17 as the Suns, with six players in double figures, improved to 5-0 at home and equaled Atlanta and Orlando for the best record in the young NBA season.

Charlie Villanueva and rookie DaJuan Summers each scored 13 for Detroit. Ben Gordon was in foul trouble and finished with 10 on 3-of-11 shooting.

The Pistons, who lost at Utah in overtime on Saturday night, finished off a winless four-game road trip.

Becoming special sheriff won't be easy for Shaquille

CLEVELAND (AP)—Becoming one of Ohio's uniformed officers won't be a cakewalk for Shaquille O'Neal.

Hoping to further his off-the-court career in law enforcement, the Cleveland Cavaliers star has applied to become a special deputy in the Buckeye state. But the (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported Sunday that O'Neal must pass an examination and undergo training first.

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy is currently reviewing O'Neal's qualifications.

"It appears that Mr. O'Neal will need to undergo substantial additional training as well as successful completion of the state certification examination before he can become a certified peace officer in the state of Ohio," said Holly Hollingsworth, spokeswoman for the state attorney general.

O'Neal would not be allowed to carry a gun and make arrests without that training, Hollingsworth said. If approved, O'Neal would have the right to carry a gun and make arrests but he would not be a paid, formal employee.

Last month Cuyahoga County Sheriff Bob Reid notified the state academy, which determines officers' eligibility, that he will make O'Neal a deputy if he is approved by the state.

O'Neal previously served roles with law enforcement agencies in Arizona, Virginia and Florida. The sheriff's Office submitted additional paperwork from Arizona to the state last week on behalf of O'Neal.

O'Neal wants the state certification to work with the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children task force, Reid said.

O'Neal will need to complete 30 of hours of police training within six months and pass both the Ohio police examination and a shooting test in order to maintain the appointment, Hollingsworth said.

O'Neal shot targets at a sheriff's shooting range last week, and results from that test and his fingerprints were submitted to the state, Reid said.

Special sheriffs are often used to supplement law enforcement staffing for special events. They typically include retired officers who use the commission to work private security jobs.

D'Antoni: Nate not benched for shot at wrong hoop

NEW YORK (AP)—Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni says Nate Robinson was not benched for taking a shot at the wrong basket Saturday.

The Knicks inbounded to Robinson in the backcourt with 0.5 seconds left in the first quarter of their 98-91 victory at New Jersey. Rather than just hold the ball, or heave one at the basket the Knicks were attacking, Robinson turned and shot at his own basket. The shot went in, but it was released after the buzzer and didn't count.

D'Antoni yelled at Robinson on the court between quarters.

"When you're 2-9, which we were at the time, I think any distractions are bad," D'Antoni said Sunday before the Knicks played Boston. "If our whole focus is not on trying to win and turn this thing around, then it's not right and it's not something we want to do, and it's just one incident and we'll go on and we'll see what happens today."

Robinson played only six minutes all game, leading to speculation he was benched. But D'Antoni said he just felt other players, such as starting guard Larry Hughes, were playing better.

The shot was shown on highlight clips on TV and the Internet on Saturday night. Celtics coach Doc Rivers was asked if he'd seen it.

"Yeah," Rivers said. "Interesting. That's not my problem."

Robinson's occasional bouts of immaturity have annoyed the Knicks. When he was pulled over this summer in a traffic stop, he joked and complained about it on his Twitter feed while waiting in his car. But D'Antoni said they were "cool" after Saturday's play.

"That's something that Nate will work on and we talked about it and keep talking about it, but that doesn't affect his playing time," D'Antoni said.

Turkey Trot run this Thursday

Northern Marianas Athletics will be holding the 24th Annual Mt. Tapochao Thanksgiving Day Run this Thursday.

Registration for this year's Turkey Trot will begin at 5am at Lower Base, while the race will start at 6am. Entrance fee is $10 for adults and $7 for 18-and-under runners. Top winners in seven age groups will receive turkeys, while all participants are entitled to raffle prizes.

The 2009 edition of the annual race will have a new overall champion, as 2008 winner Eli Torgeson had already left the island late last year after a record-breaking finish.

Torgeson ruled the 4.2-mile race in a blistering time of 34:20, breaking Stuart Smith's time of 36:46 in 2006.

The former Commonwealth Health Center's anesthesiologist was among the four runners who made it on top of the highest peak on the island before heavy rains began to fall, leaving the rest of the finishers soaked when they reached the finish line.

Placing runner-up to Torgerson was Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel (43:00), while Tom Linden finished third, coming in a minute later than Kabiriel.

Mamiko Oshima-Berger was the first female overall finisher with her time of at 44:09, while Angelo Jones was the first youth finisher with his time of 50:23.

Last year's Turkey Trot drew 115 runners.

To register or for more information, contact NMA's Elias Rangamar at 664-2502. ***(PR)***

SONICS

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cruised to a big 40-25 victory to remain unbeaten in their age group.

Ecalnea and Villanueva led the Sonics' second victory, as they drilled seven markers each, while Salem contributed six.

The Sonics were schedule to duel the Celtics for their third game last night and then take a rest today before buckling down to work tomorrow and face fellow Saipan team Rollers at 7pm in Agat.

Nine teams are vying for the championship in the 16-and-under age group. Also on the list are host Barrigada Crusaders, BBC Hawaii Team, Dragons, and Northern All Stars. Teams in the 16-and-under division were divided into two pools and the competition has a round-robin format. In the single-elimination playoffs, participating squads will be seeded according to their records in the preliminary round.

Meanwhile, Rollers had a 1-2 record on Sunday, winning their 16-and-under game against the Crusaders and losing their 14-and-under and 18-and-under matches against Yellow Jackets and Dynasty, respectively.

The third edition of the Thanksgiving caging also has a competition in the 12-and-under age group, which drew only three teams. They are Jokers, Crusaders, and Dragons. Six teams are entered in the 14-and-under division, namely Crusaders, Jokers, Yellow Jackets, Rollers, Dragons, and Northern All-Stars. The 18-and-under division has five teams in Rollers, Crusaders, Dragons, Dynasty, and Jokers.

The 12-and-under division has a double-elimination format with the No. 1 team getting a bye in the first round of the playoffs. A single-elimination format is in effect in the 14-and-under division with the Top 2 squads advancing to the semifinals. The 18-and-under age group also has a single-elimination format with the Top 3 squad automatically gaining semis berths.

IT&E

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Bonbon Cadagat's fancy game netted him a team-high 24 points and led IT&E to an 87-69 win over New City International Construction. Errol Peredo also had a 20-plus point outing, adding 23 markers.

Cadagat had the luxury to fire long triples and show his dribbling and passing tricks in the second half after IT&E controlled the first half and led by as much as 15 points.

Peredo helped IT&E post a 25-13 lead at the end of the first period after drilling 11 points in the opening quarter. Cadagat then took over in the second canto and finished with 10 first-half points, upping IT&E' lead to 11 at halftime, 41-30.

After a scoreless second quarter, Peredo was at it again, hitting eight points in the third period and giving IT&E a 60-45 advantage, entering the final canto. Cadagat picked up where Peredo left off in the fourth canto, as the former nailed 12 markers en route to IT&E's 18-point win.

The game against New City International Construction was IT&E's second. The Chris Paul-coached IT&E debuted against Noni Saipan, but their game was cancelled due to rain with 1:53 left in overtime. Noni Saipan was ahead, 98-95, when the match was halted.

In the masters division, Ebisuya and Wushin tallied separate wins with the former whipping University of Loyola on Saturday, 96-74, and the latter slipping past GEC Pawnshop on Sunday, 82-78.

Ebisuya broke the game wide open in the fourth period, as UoL lost steam in the payoff canto after playing catch-up since the first quarter.

Jun Abedes canned 10 of his 16 points in the first period, which ended with Ebisuya ahead by nine, 25-16. Melvin Villarin and Ferdie De La Torre combined for 17 markers in the second canto, as UoL moved within three at halftime, 41-44.

Ebisuya hung on to a seven-point lead after the third period, 65-58, and went on to nail a 22-point win when University of Loyola ran out of guns from its arsenal in the fourth quarter. UoL had only four players scoring in the final canto.

On Sunday, Nelson Samson logged nine of his 11 points in the fourth period, while Sonny Ebuen added seven to lift Wushin to a four-point win.

The game was tied at 58-all at the end of the third canto when Samson and Ebuen joined forces to outgun GEC in the payoff canto.

Masters

Ebisuya 96 – Santos 17, Casabuena 17, Abedes 16, Opone 11, Olivos 10, Viola 8, Morales 6, Rebuyon 6, Buenabajo 4, Tengco 3.

University of Loyola 74 – De La Torre 21, Tabora 14, Villarin 14, Bicera 11, Pineda 10, Manalili 4.

Scoring by quarters: 25-16, 41-44, 65-58, 96-74.

Wushin 82 – Ebuen 21, Garon 13, Samson 11, Tobias 10, Carino 7, Trajano 6, De Jesus 6, Leong 3, Villasan 2, Dayrit 2.

GEC 78 – Ocampo 22, Macoto 16, Alipio 10, Salazar 10, Yalung 10, Vargas 6, Geli 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-13, 34-37, 58-54, 82-78.

Open

IT&E 87 – Cadagat 24, Peredo 23, Pagarao 11, Chariton 10, Tagle 9, Mendiola 6, Moses 2, Lansang 1.

NCIS 69 – Tabora 24, Ong 13, Abenoja 10, Taylor 10, Lansang 6, Javier 5.

Scoring by quarters: 25-13, 41-30, 60-45, 87-69.

AIR

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Santos and Dotimas in the men's BC, but Air Benders swept the last two games to nail their first win of the weekend.

Next up for the Air Benders were the Magnum Smashers, who posted the most impressive win in Day 1, beating the Star Aces, 6-1, en route to the early lead.

Again, Air Benders lost their men's AB game when Cordero and Gargallo bowed to Magnum's Andreau Galvez and Paul Navarro in three sets, 22-24, 21-12, 16-21.

However, Air Benders secured the victory after notching four straight wins, prevailing in the mixed BB, men's BC, mixed AB, and mixed CC events. Magnum and Air Benders split the last two matches for a 5-2 tally, in favor of the latter.

With their two wins over the weekend, Air Benders now hold a 10-4 record, a victory ahead of second-running TNT Bombers (9-5).

The Bombers also won their first two games last weekend, edging the Katipuneros in Day 1, 4-3, and then outclassing Star Aces in Day 2, 5-2.

Delivering the win for the Bombers in Day 1 were the pairs of captain Lito Mendoza and Angie Ito, Roger Vales and Merlie Savellano, Jojo Savellano and Luis Camacho, and Joey Algenio and Annette Ta.

In Day 2, the Bombers won their first three games behind the victories of Edwin Montoya and Vales, Jojo Savellano and Anna Rose Omori, and Jojo Savellano and Camacho and then the duos of Algenio and Ta and Merlie Savellano and Ta added two more wins. Star Aces' two victories were from the pairs of Michelle C. and Jen Savellano and Shirley Kim and Hapi Gabriel. Aces are at the bottom of the team standings with their 3-11 slate.

Two teams are tied for third with the Katipuneros and Magnum Smashers having identical 8-6 marks.

After losing to the Bombers in Day 1, Katipuneros bounced back and whipped the Sizzlers, 5-2. The Sizzlers are second to the last in the team standings with their 4-10 record.

This year's team tournament, which is being supported by Traders Insurance, will run for three weekends until Dec. 13. Games every Friday and Saturday will be played from 5pm to 10pm, while Sunday's matches will run from 4pm to 9pm.

Each win in any event will give a team one point. All six squads will play in a round-robin format and the team with the most points will be declared the champion.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	10	4	.714	_
Toronto	6	8	.429	4
Philadelphia	5	8	.385	4 1/2
New York	3	10	.231	6 1/2
New Jersey	0	13	.000	9 1/2

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Atlanta	11	3	.786	_
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Milwaukee	8	3	.727	__
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Indiana	5	6	.455	3 1/2
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Denver	9	4	.692	_
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Utah	7	6	.538	2
Oklahoma City	7	7	.500	2 1/2
Minnesota	1	12	.077	8

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Phoenix	11	3	.786	_
L.A. Lakers	10	3	.769	1/2
Sacramento	5	7	.417	5
L.A. Clippers	5	9	.357	6
Golden State	4	8	.333	6

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Miami 102, New Orleans 101
Phoenix 117, Detroit 91
L.A. Lakers 101, Oklahoma City 85

NBA LEADERS

SCORING

	G	FG	FT	PTS	AVG
Anthony, DEN	13	134	117	396	30.5
Bryant, LAL	13	146	91	388	29.8
James, CLE	14	138	113	412	29.4
Wade, MIA	13	119	111	365	28.1
Durant, OKC	14	129	108	379	27.1
Nowitzki, DAL	13	119	100	350	26.9
Bosh, TOR	14	120	127	373	26.6
Jennings, MIL	11	103	44	278	25.3
Granger, IND	11	86	61	266	24.2
Johnson, ATL	14	120	55	316	22.6
Arenas, WAS	12	90	67	270	22.5
Gay, MEM	13	108	57	283	21.8
Kaman, LAC	14	119	54	292	20.9
Ellis, GOL	12	102	38	249	20.8
Gordon, DET	14	98	68	288	20.6
Harrington, NYK	13	92	59	262	20.2
Roy, POR	15	101	78	299	19.9
Stoudemire, PHX	14	100	78	278	19.9
Pierce, BOS	14	88	71	275	19.6
Randolph, MEM	13	97	45	239	18.4

FG PERCENTAGE

	FG	FGA	PCT
Howard, ORL	80	128	.625
Oden, POR	66	106	.623
Gasol, MEM	69	113	.611
Speights, PHL	52	86	.605
Hilario, DEN	68	114	.596
Paul, NOR	85	143	.594
Bynum, LAL	89	150	.593
Perkins, BOS	58	98	.592
Horford, ATL	80	140	.571
O'Neal, MIA	71	125	.568

REBOUNDS

	G	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Noah, CHI	12	51	96	147	12.3
Bosh, TOR	14	56	108	164	11.7
Wallace, CHA	13	28	120	148	11.4
Gasol, MEM	13	41	103	144	11.1
Howard, ORL	14	50	105	155	11.1
Haywood, WAS	12	53	79	132	11.0
Boozer, UTA	13	29	114	143	11.0
Horford, ATL	14	40	101	141	10.1
Scola, HOU	14	34	105	139	9.9
Randolph, MEM	13	57	72	129	9.9

ASSISTS

	G	AST	AVG
Nash, PHX	14	162	11.6
Williams, UTA	11	109	9.9
Paul, NOR	10	92	9.2
Kidd, DAL	13	118	9.1
Rondo, BOS	14	124	8.9
James, CLE	14	113	8.1
B. Davis, LAC	14	103	7.4
Westbrook, OKC	14	100	7.1
Calderon, TOR	14	90	6.4
Arenas, WAS	12	75	6.3

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	3	0	.700	290	164
Miami	5	5	0	.500	242	244
N.Y. Jets	4	6	0	.400	213	189
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	155	228
South						
Indianapolis	10	0	0	1.000	269	157
Jacksonville	6	4	0	.600	199	235
Houston	5	4	0	.556	215	188
Tennessee	3	6	0	.333	189	255
North						
Cincinnati	7	3	0	.700	215	167
Pittsburgh	6	4	0	.600	231	184
Baltimore	5	5	0	.500	237	171
Cleveland	1	9	0	.100	115	263
West						
San Diego	7	3	0	.700	269	205
Denver	6	4	0	.600	170	183
Kansas City	3	7	0	.300	169	239
Oakland	3	7	0	.300	108	234

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

Dallas	7	3	0	.700	231	175
Philadelphia	6	4	0	.600	266	204
N.Y. Giants	6	4	0	.600	266	235
Washington	3	7	0	.300	146	178
South						
New Orleans	10	0	0	1.000	369	204
Atlanta	5	5	0	.500	252	228
Carolina	4	6	0	.400	193	239
Tampa Bay	1	9	0	.100	164	294
North						
Minnesota	9	1	0	.900	306	193
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600	262	203
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	206	225
Detroit	2	8	0	.200	181	301
West						
Arizona	7	3	0	.700	250	197
San Francisco	4	6	0	.400	208	210
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	196	233
St. Louis	1	9	0	.100	113	270

Yesterday's Games
Detroit 38, Cleveland 37
N.Y. Giants 34, Atlanta 31, OT
Dallas 7, Washington 6
Green Bay 30, San Francisco 24
Indianapolis 17, Baltimore 15
Kansas City 27, Pittsburgh 24, OT
New Orleans 38, Tampa Bay 7
Jacksonville 18, Buffalo 15
Minnesota 35, Seattle 9
Arizona 21, St. Louis 13
New England 31, N.Y. Jets 14
San Diego 32, Denver 3
Oakland 20, Cincinnati 17
Philadelphia 24, Chicago 20

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LOCAL SCORES

ROTARY STANDINGS

G-Stars	8	0
Sixers	7	1
Sonics	8	2
CK Saints	6	4
670 Rollers II	5	4
Runnin' Rebels	5	4
Sparks	4	3
Rollers I	3	5
Ol'Aces	2	6
Celtics	3	7
Young 670 Rollers 3	2	8
Hi-5	0	10

NMBA STANDINGS

Air Benders	10	4
Bombers	9	5
Katipuneros	8	6
Magnum	8	6
Sizzlers	4	10
Star Aces	3	11

SAINTS

From Page 28

Luizi Reyes, Leo Galarse, and Brandon Aulerio led the Saints' breakaway in the second half to cruise to an easy victory, their sixth in 10 games.

With the win, the Saints moved up from a tie for fourth to sixth place to solo fourth behind the G-Stars, Sixers, and Sonics. The Saints are ahead by only one win against 670 Rollers II and the Runnin' Rebels.

Hi-5 is closing in to a winless season, as it dropped to a 0-10 record with one game left in the regular season. Coach Eric Atalig's bid for his first win in the 18-and-under caging suffered a big blow when Hi-5 played without its top-scorer, Ezra Caro.

Despite the absence of Caro, Hi-5 managed to keep pace with the Saints in the first half, as it trailed by only six. Jeremiah Reyes kept Hi-5 afloat, making six markers in the first 20 minutes of the game.

A fired up Saints team showed up in the second half to foil Hi-5's attempt for an upset. Luizi Reyes, who was held scoreless in the first half, exploded for 14 markers in the second half and drew help from Galarse and Aulerio to give the Saints their sixth win.

The 18-and-under caging is on its closing phase in the regular season and the last few games will be crucial in determining the Top 8 teams that will advance to the playoffs.

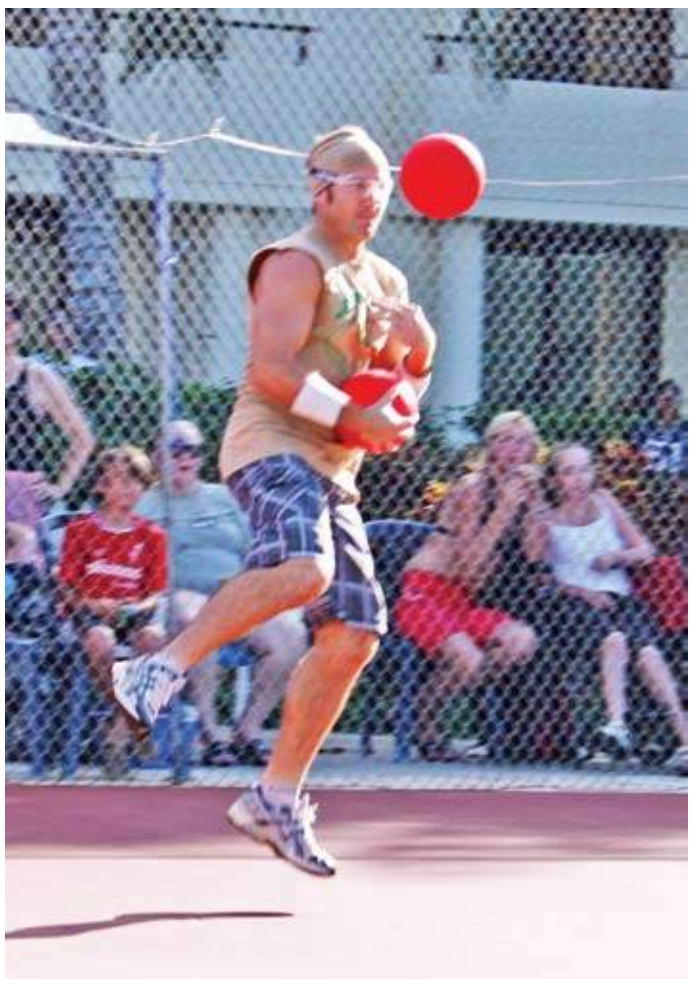
So far, only four teams are assured of playoffs spots. They are the unbeaten G-Stars (8-0), Sixers (7-1), and the Sonics (8-2). Only Hi-5 is out of contention, leaving seven teams to vie for the last four playoffs seats.

Saints 65 – Galarse 15, Aulerio 14, Lu. Reyes 14, Iglecias 10, Namelo 6, Pangelinan 4.

Hi-5 32 – Reyes 12, G. Macahito 7, Urbano 5, F. Machito 4, Atalig 4.

Scoring by halves: 24-18, 65-32.

2009 PIC Fall Dodgeball Tournament



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Just the Tip's Rob Jordan fails to catch another ball during their game against the Rotary Dodgers in the 2009 PIC Fall Dodgeball Tournament on the PIC tennis courts.

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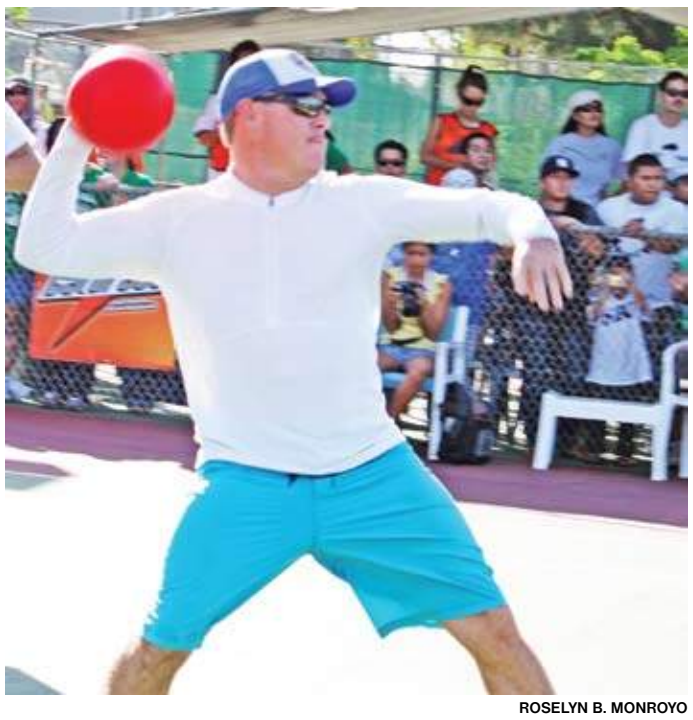
Rotary Dodgers pick up balls and head to their court.



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This Just Happens' Adam Hardwicke throws to G4S.

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An Ardija player dives for the ball during their game against the Wedding Party.

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The Wedding Party's Russ Quinn and a member of Ardija play rock-paper-scissors to determine which team gets to choose which side of the court it will be at.

Ideal Camouflage players prepare to throw to PIC-Culinary.

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Members of Ideal Camouflage sprint to center court to pick up balls and start their game against PIC-Culinary.

KANAE QUINN

Kadu Ku Kadu Ka's Kevin Carey is hit on the face during their match against Xtreme Dodgers.

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A member of the PIC-Housekeeping team goes to the net to throw against DFS 670.

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The lone player left on Xtreme Dodgers' roster is finally hit, giving Kadu Ku Kadu Ka the win.

Colts beat Ravens 17-15 to go to 10-0

undefeated Indianapolis Colts found yet another way to win a close game, beating the Baltimore Ravens 17-15 on Sunday to secure their 19th straight victory.

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Garnett's jumper gives Celtics OT win over Knicks

Kevin Garnett made a jumper to beat the overtime buzzer, giving the Boston Celtics a 107-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Sunday.

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Sonics off to rousing start in Guam caging

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The Saipan Southern Sonics made their presence felt early in the 3rd Annual Barrigada MPC Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament in Guam, sweeping their first two games on Sunday.

The Sonics are playing in the 16-and-under division and started their bid in the Guam caging with a 52-48 triumph over the Astumbo Yellow Jackets. Nathan Oei topscored for the Sonics' first win, firing 13 points. Melvin Cadiang also finished in double figures, chipping in 12, while John Paul Villanueva added eight.

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Members of the Southern Sonics pose for a group photo before their game in the 3rd Annual Barrigada MPC Thanksgiving Invitational Tournament in Guam on Sunday. Joining the Sonics are coach Jesse Tudela, right, team supporter Rep. Ed Salas, second right, and assistant coach Omar Ajoste, left.

Other members of the team are Tristan Ecalnea, Adrian Palacios, Tim Sula, John Darag, Angelo Salas, Nicko Salem, Herman Del Rosario, Bryl Alegre, and Dan Bicera. Joining the Sonics on Guam are head coach Jesse Tudela and his assistant coach Omar Ajoste.

"Omar Ajoste has done a good job with the boys in the last few weeks of our training. I am proud of my boys' performance, considering we challenged a tough Yellow Jackets, who have two players standing six feet tall. It was a tough and challenging game and I am happy my boys persevered," Tudela said in an e-mail to *Saipan Tribune*.

Tudela's wards played back-to-back games on Sunday, as they collided against the Yigo Jokers in the afternoon and

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Members of Katipuneros and TNT Bombers pose for a group photo before their game in Day 1 of the 2009 Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament on Saturday at the REM Centre.

Air Benders take early lead

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Air Benders swept their first two assignments over the weekend for the solo lead in the 2009 Traders Insurance Badminton Team Tournament.

The Robert Reyes-captained Air Benders debuted with a 5-2 win over the Sizzlers on Saturday during the kick-off of the annual tournament at the REM Centre. A similar 5-2 victory against Day 1 leader the Magnum Smashers on Sunday gave Air Benders the No. 1 spot and dropped their victims to a share of third place.

Joining Reyes on the Air Benders roster are Saul Gargallo, Noli Santos, Aries Cordero, Elma Labuson, Ingrid Sanches, Lea Estinopo, Manatsu Omori, Carlo Dotimas, and Riza Yutuc.

After Gargallo and Estinopo lost to Gary Bandoja and Marlene Pereja in the first game, 19-21, 21-19, 15-21, Air Benders won the next three matches courtesy of the tandems of Reyes and Santos, Cordero and Sanchez, and Sanchez and Labuson. Keno San Pablo and Ezekiel Macario broke the Sizzlers' slump when they defeated

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IT&E routs foe; Ebisuya, Wushin triumph

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IT&E waltzed to an easy win in the open division of the 2009 PILCOWA Basketball League, while Ebisuya and Wushin recorded contrasting victories in the masters matches over the weekend at the JP Centre Basketball Court.

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IT&E's Bonbon Cadagat, right, dribbles past NCIC's Jun Tabora during their game in the PILCOWA caging on Sunday at the JP Centre Basketball Court.

Saints improve standings in Rotary caging

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The Chalan Kanoa Saints outgunned Hi-5 in the second half en route to a 65-32 blowout win in their game in the 2009 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League on Thursday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

After leading by only six at halftime, 24-18,

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Luizi Reyes, seen here driving against the Celtics' John Villagomez, plays for the Saints, who won over Hi-5 in the Rotary caging last week at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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